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Legal threats follow TV auction

Thames, TV-am lose licences in bidding battle

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

then, the courts would not

have the power to overturn

the decisions. Asked if he

thought the losers would take

legal action, George Russell,

the commission chairman, said: "I don't think they

pursue the matter in the courts

but he described the award of

the morning franchise to Sun-rise Television a travesty. "I

predict that Sunrise will be bankrupt by 1994," he said. "I

whose 17 million viewers

represent 70 per cent of the

breakfast audience, offered

Thames, which lost the

London weekday franchise to

Carlton Television, will shed a thousand jobs and turn itself

into a production company, so that shows such as Minder.

The Bill and This Is Your Life

wound up

mained fairly stable.

producers.

programme to Channel 4.

THREE of the four tele- losers would have to prove vision companies that that the ITC had acted beyond lost their broadcasting its statutory powers and even franchises yesterday after a controversial blind-bid auction are considering challenging the Indepen-dent Television Commission in the courts.

Thames, the biggest sup- should or will because they plier of peak-time programmes to the ITV
network, and TV-am, the
Bruce Gyngeil, the TV-am
chairman said he would not most profitable television chairman, said he would not company in the world, will go off the air in 1993 after losing their licences to higher bidders. TVS, which serves the South, and the West's TSW also lost their do not believe that it can be a franchises in spite of profitable company with a bid putting in bigger tenders of £34.6 million." TV-am, than their rivals.

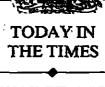
Thames, TVS and TSW are now contemplating seeking a judicial review of the selection £14 million. The company process and they may be now hopes to sell its morning joined by other unsuccessful bidders, including Richard Branson and Phil Redmond. Mr Branson was a three-time loser in the auction and Mr Redmond's North West Television failed to oust Granada,

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even though it offered nearly four times as much





Pierre-Gilles de Gennes. of France, has won the Nobel Prize for Physics for his work in the fields of liquid crystals, while Richard Ernst, of Switzerland, has won the chemistry prize for research into spectroscopy. Nigel Hawkes assesses their achievements Page 14



Why has **Kingsley Amis** resurrected a 17-year-old Cockney lad from an old play to star in his latest novel? Joseph Connolly reviews the latest addition to the teenage market Page 16

KING'S FAVOURITE



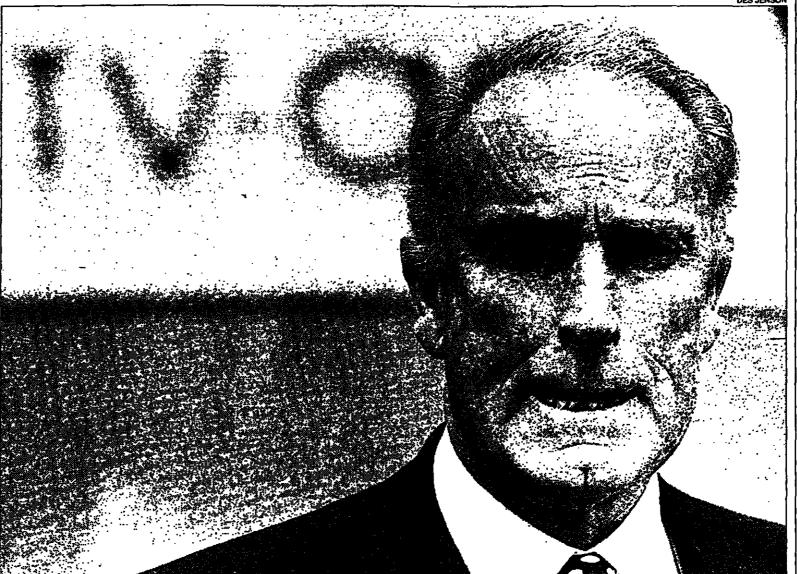
Edward II, whose fondness for an upstart leads to civil war and brutal murder in Derek Jarman's new film.

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tion, circulated in Britain



Off camera: Bruce Gyngell, chairman of TV-am, grimacing outside his Camden headquarters yesterday after losing the breakfast-time franchise

will survive. TVS and TSW, rejected because the commission thought their bids were too high for them to be able to sustain quality and profitability, are likely to be Shares in three successful regional companies and some and Meridian £36.5 million. incumbent companies also fell 800 independents should apbecause of fears that they may pear on the screen. have overstretched them-

Only half of the 16 licences selves with their bids, but went to companies that put in Thames and TV-am, which the highest cash bid - the are thought to have good futures as independents, reother top bidders failed the The TVS franchise will be the criticism of the auction



the national network. The process centred on the huge final shape of the Channel 3 of differences in the winning the future will be determined bids. Central and Scottish, unby the network controller to be opposed, offered only £2,000 appointed in 1993. He or she for their licences and Channel will decide which of the paid £1,000. By contrast, offerings put forward by the 16 Yorkshire bid £37.7 million

Granada retained its licence with a bid of £9 million against North West's £35 million bid. David Plowright, the Granada chairman, said: "The ITC has exercised its dis-"quality test" - and much of cretionary judgment in favour of quality in a courageous way. They have given pro-

George Russell said that had the commission simply awarded each franchise to the highest bidder, irrespective of quality, the Treasury would have gained £200 million for each of the 20 years of the franchise. Last-minute changes to the Broadcasting Act meant the Treasury would receive £40 million more than it does now.

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Honecker athletes forced to use drugs

East Germány built its formidable athletics team on the back of state-supplied steroids, Nigel Hawkes reports

Secret East German docu-ments show that the doping of athletes with steroids to improve their performance was a full-scale. state-sponsored scientific plan under Erich Honecker's regime costing millions of marks and reaching all the way to the country's top scientific body, the Academy of Sciences.

There was no question of athletes getting their drugs slipped to them in the car park, as has happened in the West. The entire operation was conducted with tentonic efficiency and helped produce the remarkable dominance of East German athletes, especially in women's events, during the 1980s. Some women discusthrowers and shot-putters were on double the steroid dose of Ben Johnson, the

disgraced Canadian sprinter. Theses and papers uncovered by a molecular biologist from West Germany, Werner Franke, have revealed that girls as young as 13 or 14 were given steroids under a carefully controlled programme, State Plan 14.25, to turn them into super-athletes. Their performance was monitored and improvements noted, in scientific papers that were then declared national secrets. In some cases, the doping went on even when liver damage and other side-effects had been noted.

Dr Franke was encouraged

23 dead in worst **US** mass killing

A MAN armed with an auto- get. We've never had anything matic weapon drove his lorry into a popular central Texas rafeteria and opened fire on the lunch-time crowd, killing up to 22 people and wounding at least 15 others, television d radio reports said yesterday. After the shooting rampage, the gunman went into a toilet at Luby's cafeteria and killed

himself. CBS radio reported. The shooting went on for 20 or 30 minutes, one witness told said that 22 people, including the gunman, were dead, which would make the shooting the worst mass killing in American history. One witness told CBS that the man fired an automatic

weapon "as fast as he could pull the trigger". Another report said that he sat in the lorry and fired after ramming the vehicle through the window of the cafeteria about lpm (7pm Loudon time). Robert Stubblefield, a Beli

County official, said 23 people were dead, including the unidentified gunman. Another local official, Mike Cox, said that in addition up to 15 people were wounded. A police department worker said as many ambulances as possible had been called to the scene of the mass killing.

"The guy jumped out of the truck and said, 'This is what Bell County has done to me!" said Sheldon Smith, a porter at the cafeteria, "As he opened fire, the guy that he ran over with the truck was trying to get up and he shot him.

"Then he pointed toward the line where the service was and he started shooting down the line." A dispatcher at the Killeen

police department, who refused to give her name, said "we called for several ambulances, as many as we can

like this." The town is located about 140 miles south of Dallas, near Fort Hood army base in an area of ranches. Army and civilian doctors rushed to the cafeteria to treat the victims. A Luby's spokesman said that the incident was similar to a 1984 shooting incident at a McDonald's restaurant in San Ysidro, California, where 21 people died. Killeen is about 60 miles Cable News Network. Police from Austin, the scene of another of the worst mass killings in the United States, where a sniper, Charles Whitman, climbed a tower at the University of Texas in 1966 and picked off 14 people

Tortured SAS men had nails torn out by Iraqis

By DAVID WATTS DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

SAS commandos captured by the Iraqis during secret missions in search of Scud missiles during the Gulf war had their finger nails pulled out as part of a grim saga of torture.

The SAS men were also burned by their Iragi torturers because of the sensitivity of their mission. The revelations are the first to give details of the treatment of the army's crack troops, who played a vital role in debilitating the Iraqi war machine.

The torture of the men is revealed by two RAF men. Flight Lieutenant David Waddington, aged 24, and Flight Lieutenant Robbie Stewart, aged 44, whose Tornado was shot down during a raid on an Iraqi airfield. They tell their stories in a new book. Thun-der and Lightning - The RAF in the Gulf, by Charles Allen.

The airmen ejected from their jet at 600mph at a height of under 200ft. Flight Lieutenant Stewart suffered a broken shoulder and crushed vertebrae and broke his leg in three places. He says Iraqi Baath party police picked him up. He was blindfolded and taken to an interrogation bunker where he was continuously hit across the legs with "a big stick with some sort of a ball at the end of it. He started hitting me with this and said he'd break my other leg."

Flight Lieutenant Waddington says guards stopped medical staff giving him an anesthetic as they put his dislocated arm back in place. The two men were taken to a Baghdad prison where their interrogation intensified. He said he was blindfolded throughout and hit on the head, back and legs every time he refused to answer questions. "Sometimes they'd beat me to the stage where I'd go unconscious. Then I'd come round and they'd ask me another up again," he said.

But there were lighter moments. One pilot landed at 5am after a mission and demanded a copy of The Times. Other papers were available but he said: " 'Well, I normally read The Times. Why can't you get me a copy?" Here we were with half a million Iraqis up on the border about 100 miles away and he was worried about not getting his copy of The Times.

99 NHS opt-outs approved

By JILL SHERMAN AND NICHOLAS WOOD

and other units to become different shape". trusts next April.

He also approved in prin-

health secretary, yesterday ing to accusations that he had of its beds will be in trust swept aside calls to slow down prejudged the London comthe pace of reforms in the mission. However, he indicat-National Health Service by ed that, in the wake of the health spokesman, claimed approving 99 of the 110 enquiry, the hospitals' ser- amid rowdy scenes in the

Mr Waldegrave also anciple bids from four leading that 153 more hospitals and outs. However, Mr. Cook London teaching hospitals, St health units could apply for Thomas's, St Bartholomew's, trust status for 1993. He said St Mary's and King's, but has that nearly a third of all delayed their start until 1993 hospital and community units pending the enquiry into will have opted out of health London's health services an- authority control by next nounced last week. The four April, and that if all the hospitals will be allowed to applications next year are keep their shadow trust teams approved this would rise to 50 and Mr Waldegrave made it per cent by 1993. About 30 clear they would not have to per cent of the 840,000 staff in

WILLIAM Waldegrave, the reapply for trust status, lead- the health service and 28,000 hospitals by next April. Robin Cook, Labour's chief

applications from hospitals vices might be provided in a Commons that Mr Waldegrave was flying in the face of public and professional opinnounced that he had agreed ion by approving more optavoided directly repeating Neil Kinnock's jibe the day before that the Conservatives were engaged in privatising the health service. Tory MPs interpreted Mr Cook's remarks as a tactical retreat from the most emotive charge Continued on page 24, col 5

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Late commuters fight BR over docked pay

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE hard-pressed British commuter is fighting back. In the week in which the railways announced fare increases far in excess of the rate of inflation, Barry Unwin and six other commuters backed by the Consumers' Association are taking legal action against BR for failing to get them to work on time.

Summonses have been issued in the county courts, but the actions will be jointly adjudicated, probably next summer, in the High Court because of their public importance. The test case will oblige aggrieved passengers to climb a legal mountain because of BR's copperbottomed conditions of carriage that absolve it of liability for late trains. The association, however, is determined to launch a challenge under the 1977

Unfair Contract Terms Act. Mr Unwin, aged 43, a service engineer

who uses the Southend to London-Fenchurch Street line, has had his wages docked by £170 in the past 12 months for being late for work. In Southend, he catches the 7.06am train that should complete the 40-mile journey in time for him to clock-on by 8.30am. "But I'm always getting in late and I'm sick of it," he said. "I don't blame my employers for docking my money, but why should BR get away with it?"

Mr Unwin, who earns £16,000 a year and paid £1,716 for his annual rail ticket, has been docked £8.32 twice in the past two weeks. Points and signals failure were the reasons given on dockets handed out by station staff for commuters to submit to their employers.

Jane Bell, a lawyer at the Consumers' Association, said: "Our view is that the conditions of carriage amount to a blanket let-out, but that is its critical weakness. We don't think the conditions will stand up when challenged."

Roger Freeman, the transport minister, has accepted that service on the line, used daily by 72,000 passengers, is "wholly unacceptable". Indeed, on Tuesday, BR announced a fare increase of only 5 per cent for passengers using that line, below increases elsewhere.

Mr Unwin's MP, Sir Teddy Taylor, has spoken to the prime minister four times about the line. He has been promised a decision by the end of the year on a £300 million investment programme. Sir Teddy said: "Some of the signalling is older than me, and I am 54. Before they go on spending more money on this stupid Channel tunnel link, they should do something about the Fenchurch Street line. It is deplorable." British Rail denied liability, but

otherwise declined comment.



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Scandal-troubled Haughey goes on attack in confidence debate



Haughey: enquiries will

CHARLES Haughey, the apparently indomitable Irish prime minister, yesterday fought back against his many enemies who are trying to unseat him over financal scandals that have rocked his two-year-old government.

Opening a three-day confidence debate at the start of a new Dail term in Dublin, Mr Haughey, sounding breathless but defiant, rounded on opposition leaders who, he said, had conducted campaigns of vilification and character assassination against him.

Mr Haughey said that although none of the recent scandals in semi-state companies had any-

thing to do with the government itself, opposition leaders were trying to smear him through accusations of guilt by association. "I have already made clear, and

I repeat here again categorically. that no person or company ever received any favourable treatment or consideration in their dealines with government because of personal friendships or associations," Mr Haughey said. "This is a government of absolute integrity," he added. "I reject totally any allegations to the contrary and when all the investigations have been completed, it will be estab-

lished that there was no govern-

Charles Haughey faces ordeal by confidence debate amid scandals and the lack of a policy programme, reports Edward Gorman

ment or ministerial involvement of any kind in any of the transactions or events being investigated."

Mr Haughey conceded that the financial scandals - some involving close friends or associates - at Irish Sugar, Telecom Eireann and Celtic Helicopters were deeply disturbing and detrimental to the Irish republic's image abroad However, he said that exploita-

tion of them by his opponents had caused near-hysteria in business and professional life. "There now exists an unhealthy aura of suspicion and distrust bordering on paranoia," he told the Dail

The debate, opening what observers predict will be a particularly turbulent autumn term, comes against continued speculation about Mr Haughey's future as leader of Fianna Fail, and the

mid-term review of its programme for government with its unior coalition partners, the Progressive Democrats.

During procedural wrangling, Dick Spring the Labour party leader, said that it was a farce for the House to open a confidence debate when the coalition had not

even published its programme. Although it still looks unlikely that the Progressive Democrats would risk an election over its key demand for tax reform, party managers have threatened to vote against the government if the review is not completed to their

vote is taken tomorrow.

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In his opening speech, John Bruton, the Fine Gael leader continued his highly personalised onslaught on Mr Haughey, accuring him of overseeing a government lacking strategy and accountability, which helped to likened Mr Haughey, whose policy itical obituary has been over hastily published several times in the past decade, to an old Chine leader holding on to office in die pressing self-delusion. "This going errament is rotten to the core." Bruton said, "and it should go."

Miners' jobs go as total out of work nears 2.5m

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITISH Coal announced appeal against the closur yesterday that 1,300 miners' jobs were to go, as a new survey suggested that the rate of job losses in manufacturing was increasing sharply.

The moves come as the government readies itself today for a further rise in unemployment. Economic forecasters are suggesting that up to another 60,000 will be added to the number out of work, bringing seasonally adjusted unemployment up to just under 2.5 million.

British Coal said it would close the loss-making Coventry colliery after the pit failed to meet a production target of 26,500 tonnes set in August. It said that the pit, at Keresley, which has lost £42 million over the past five years, including £5.75 million so far in the current financial year, had not met that target. Miners' unions have three weeks to decide whether to

Pay-out scheme illegal

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

LOCAL authorities were warned to expect industrial action yesterday after the High Court ruled that councils were not entitled to offer special redundancy terms in order to shed surplus staff.

Tudor Evans ruled that, unlike private companies, councils had no power to offer enhanced redundancy terms to staff who volunteered to give up their jobs.

They declared illegal scheme set up by North Tyneside Council under which 650 staff were offered severance terms up to three and a half times higher than

the statutory minimum The judges said that, apart from small gratuities and pension enhancements, councils had no power to pay more than the statutory minimum.

The ruling will affect more than 100 councils and poll tax payers are expected to bear most of the cost of the payments declared illegal. Nalgo, the local government officers union, said the union

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the Amaigamated Engineering Union says that job losses are accelerating in manufacturing industry, with 32,271 announced job losses over the two months to yesterday, compared to 32,518 over the four months covered in its previous survey. The survey, which the

One option being talked of for

the pit, which was opened in

1912, is the idea of offering it

for sale as a stand-alone unit.

British Coal said it would

A new survey today from

maintain the pit shafts.

union claims is the most comprehensive of its kind, shows that the largest number of jobs lost in a specific region over the past two months was in the West Midlands, which saw the loss of 4,911 jobs, or 15 per cent of the total. The North-West, North Wales, the East Midlands, East Anglia, London and the South-East have also suffered badly.

Bill Jordan, the union president, says the survey identifies real people and real damage to the economy "as opposed to the politicians' false claims of confidence and an upswing in the economy". He says: "We do not want to be pessimistic but the real truth is there is actually an alarming acceleration of job losses in manufacturing

☐ The independent Employment Institute says today that the government's employment action temporary work scheme, launched last week to help the long-term unemp-In a test case, Lord Justice loyed, is "little more than a Watkins and Mr Justice pre-election cosmetic exercise". The institute says that the programme offers too little too late, and that it is an inadequate response to rising unemployment



In touch with nature: schoolchildren, wearing flower pots as blindfolds, trying to identify a tree by its smell and touch during a tree activity day at Wakehurst Place, near Ardingly, West Sussex. The test was one of seven activities aimed at allowing the children to develop their creative, constructive and explorational abilities

Sprouting elms retain forebears' fatal infection By MICHAEL HORNSBY

AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

ELMS are returning to fields and hedgerows two decades after Dutch elm disease devastated one of the chief glories of the English landscape. But many of the fledgling growths already harbour the fatal infection that killed the immemorial trees hymned by

Dense clumps of young elms up to 30 ft high have sprung up from the trees that died, according to John Gibbs, a senior Forestry Commission pathologist. New stems can be found growing from the root systems of old trees up to 60 ft from the original stump.

"Flare-ups of Dutch eim disease have become common throughout southern England over the past 12 months. The proportion of trees affected so far is small but there is obviously a danger of the

and landowners would be well The fungus that causes the best time for spotting signs of tion will get. The build-up in advised to fell and burn disease survived in the roots the disease, which include the beetle population is the

including 90 per cent of those that carry fungal spores from tree crowns. in southern England, were tree to tree. Only in the past Gerry And Britain in logs of Canadian

Evans, assistant secretary of

terday (John Young writes).

Growers United Kingdom

seased trees," he said.

of felled or dead trees along premature browning of the main problem. The beetles multiply by a factor of ten in southern England, were tree to tree. Only in the past destroyed in the Seventies by a year or so have the new elms reached a size capable of ficer, says a national campaign

elm disease imported into supporting big populations of must be launched without the insects, which feed on delay to fell and burn every rock elm, a timber widely used healthy trees and breed in infected tree. "The longer we in small boat construction. dead ones. Early antumn is the leave it, the worse the situa-

Woodland planting gathers pace

NEW woodlands are being Forestry Commission and the Britain, private owners planted 11,755 hectares under chemical treatment that made the Woodland Grant Scheme, Her statement is supported financed by the commission, sense. A more promising apthe Council for the Protection by figures supplied by the and 3,577 hectares under the of Rural England, said yes-commission and Timber Farm Woodland Scheme.

nearly ten times the area of produce trees with the shape broadleaf planting in England and growth qualities that - and four times that in the would make them attractive whole of Britain - in 1980-1. for large-scale planting."

each time there is a brood. So a hundred beetles today will become a million in five years'

Forestry Commission of ficials agree that cutting down diseased trees is sensible. land less, likely to be reinfected by neighbouring stands, but doubt that a national disease control programme would be feasible. Dr Gibbs said there was no

proach was biological control, by using a virus that attacked Farm Woodland Scheme.

Of the 4,340 hectares planted in England, 3,435 resistant elms was another line British Association of Nature forestry interests, showing a hectares, or nearly 80 per cent of attack. But Dr Gibbs said-conservationists in Cannock, significant increase in the were with broadleaves. That is

Arts world urged to fight Clarke

compelled to take at least one arts subject to keep the arts in the schools curriculum, Beverly Anderson, the broadcaster and educationalist, said yesterday (Simon Tait writes). Speaking at a Nationa Campaign for the Arts conference in London, she criticised the arts community for not doing enough for itself.

Mrs Anderson, a member of the Arts Council, called for lobbying against proposals by Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, to make arts and music optional for pupils after the age of 14.

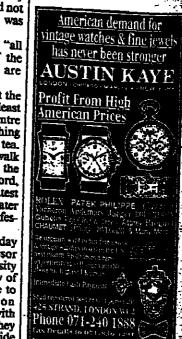
Siege enquiry

The police and Police Complaints Authority team investigating the death of Derek Wallbanks, who was shot by Northumbria police after a siege last weekend, met in Newcastle yesterday to discuss the investigation as evi-dence emerged that the dead man was armed with a starting pistol which could not be fired. Police had earlier said they had returned fire after shots were fired at them.

Sweet surprise

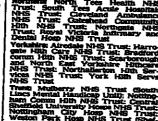
A man aged 29 whose persistent cough had baffled doctors was found to have a plastic sweet box lid that he had swallowed 13 years ago lodged in his lung. It was removed when Gavin Marshall, of Worthing. West Sussex, went into hos-pital at Midhurst after coughing up blood.

CORRECTION The open day at Stowe Gardens (Best of Britain, Week end Times, Saturday, October 12) is Sunday, October 20, not Saturday, October 19. The gardens remain open until Sunday, October 27.



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sell for £17,500 By PETER DAVENPORT

their signatures, the two gilt-framed pastel drawings hanging in the corner of a Yorkshire auction house yesterday would have attracted little attention. But the name A. Hitler brought more than the usual buzz of

Auctioneer Andrew Hartley holds a catalogue auction every two months at his likiey sale room. But for yesterday's event, two interested bidders had reserved telephone lines and prospective purchasers from abroad, including Germany, had registered offers by post.

Lot 383 was described as a pastel still-life with flowers, signed and dated 1901 in an oval gilt-framed measuring 9½ in by 11½ in. It bore the signature A. Hitler. At that time Adolf

IF IT HAD not been for Hitler would have been 12 years old.

Lot 384 was a similar still life in a smaller gilt frame, measuring just 81/2 inches by 101/2 signed and dated Mr Hartley said that the

pictures were entered for sale by a man who frequently sent items to him for auction. He wanted to remain anonymous and had apparently bought the pictures in a box of oddments at a village hall

Mr Hartley opened bidding for lot 383 with a preregistered £1,000 offer and it closed within two minutes with a telephone bid of £16,000. The anonymous bidder acquired the second picture for £1,500.

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Professor flees the spartan groves

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

biochemistry to carry on her when lit provided a warm research into the function of bordello-like glow, but not human blood at a "renowned much light for reading." and beautiful" college, she

biochemistry at McGill memory."
University, Montreal, refused Yester to name the college. Last Johnstone said that she had night, back in Canada, she said: The college accoming the function of red blood modation I stayed in was no cells from ten to four weeks different to many others. I just due to the accommodation want to warn other unsuspect- with which she had been

Magazine. Professor John- town," she said. "I just did not stone says: "I had no expect- like the place where I was ation that the accommodation living." [at Oxford] would approach 40 years. But was it too much offering". to expect a we shared by fewer than four others? A shower shared by fewer than seven a 30-minute trot to the centre without the grubby stains of years of use? A few coat hangers? A lamp to read by? The possibility to boil a cup of the above were available."

ing house, but the charm sor Johnstone says.
ended inside the room, No colleges called yesterday according to Professor John-

WHEN Rose Johnstone came main and only ceiling light to Oxford full of enthusiasm was muted by a decorative as a respected professor of shade - in deep red - which

She moved out after a week knew that she would have to and says: "For me, a single give up some home comforts. week was more than I could she left after a week fearing for endure. I have lost a consider-Anxious to spare the blushes of her hosts, Mrs able sum of money, but re-tained my sanity. One more week in that red bordello and Johnstone, professor of my sanity would be a

Yesterday, Professor writing in the Oxford "I like Oxford, it is a lovely

She wanted to make "all the standards to which I had colleges more critical of the become accustomed in the last accommodation they are

others? A carpet on a floor of town" also lacked anything to boil water for a cup of tea. "We may be expected to walk on water in gratitude for the privilege of being at Oxford, water? Clearly yes! None of but not even Oxford's greatest have managed to boil water The room was in a charm- without a receptacle," Profes-

stone. She says: "The upholst-ered chairs had not seen a spokeswoman said: "Many of cleaning since they were con-structed over 50 years ago. provide accommodation The beautiful marble fireplace which is comparable with boasted an electric heater and the marble had accumulated are doing their best to provide several decades of grime. The modern accommodation."

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Cars most at risk from theft face higher premiums

By Kevin Eason, motoring correspondent

SEVEN million car drivers the ratings of about a third of Court. He said: "Most of the

the whole of 1989.

The Association of British delines to its 450 member most at risk from theft or most improve the security and likely to be crashed because of safety ratings of their cars. their high performance. Some owners of GTi cars, the most

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costs after being found guilty

of distributing anti-Jewish leaflets intending to stir up

"absolutely disgusting" as the jury found the 78-year-old

woman guilty on ten charges.

denied distributing or possess-

ing thousands of "threatening,

abusive or insulting" leaflets between April and December

Judge Capstick warned

Birdwood, of Acton Vale, west

London: "You should know if

you continue to break the law

you will go to prison." He said

that the statutes under which

charges had been brought had

been enacted under govern-

ments of different political

persuasions, and that every-

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face big increases in premiums the 21 million cars on the road as insurance companies at- would increase as a result of its tempt to force motorists to proposals, which should come protect their cars against theft. into force by the middle of Insurers have acted after next year. However, a third of paying out £300 million on owners would benefit from motor claims in the first six discounts because their cars months of this year, which is are equipped with manufacequal to the amount paid in turer-fitted alarms and door deadlocks.

The increase in bands al-Insurers yesterday issued gui- lows insurers for the first time to give an accurate reflection companies, which will mean of how vulnerable cars are to scrapping the present nine- theft, break-ins or crash damband rating system for cars age. They hope that pressure and moving to a 20-band from consumers unwilling to scheme to allow insurers to pay much higher premiums identify clearly cars which are will force manufacturers to

Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, welcomed the assopopular with joyciders, face ciation's proposals at the increases of up to 80 per cent. launch of the scheme at The association said that London Motorfair at Earls

offences," the judge said. He ordered Birdwood to

pay £500 towards prosecution

costs, estimated at £1,000. She

was told that if she did not, she

tyrs", "The Ultimate Blasph-emy - Revelations from the

Talmud" and "Another Blood

David Paget, for the prose-cution, said that Birdwood

had told police that she be-

lieved the Zionist element of

the Jewish community was

masterminding the multi-

Birdwood told the jury:

"The essence of this case is

whether in a free country there

can be free speech, even

involving the most controver-

sial subjects, as in the present case." She argued that the Crown had not proved that

anyone had been incited by

the leaflets.

racial invasion of Britain.

Birdwood guilty

in race hate case

By A STAFF REPORTER

THE Dowager Lady Bird- offence in the course of the

wood was conditionally dis-charged and ordered to pay to be sentenced for these

Judge Capstick ordered the was liable to be called before

removal of people from the public gallery at the Central Criminal Court when supporters should "shame" and Tributes to our Child Mar-

She had defended herself and Libel on Ritual Murder".

cars at the show here are worth £10,000, £20,000 or even £25,000 and yet people treat them with incredible casualness. This new scheme should discourage people from buy-ing high-risk cars and also encourage them to make the effort to make their cars

Mr Baker has given the car makers until Christmas to come up with definite proposals for preventing car thefts and break-ins, which account for 28 per cent of all recorded crime. More than 500,000 cars are stolen annually and 750,000 broken into. He is angry that cars which have highly developed performance are relatively easy to steal. That has led to an increase in joyriding which helped to spark riots recently on Tyneside and in Oxford.

Car makers who have adopted new security systems are already being rewarded with recognition by the association's new ratings system. A Vauxhall Cavalier 1.6L, for example, is rated in group 4 of the present ratings scheme, representing about a 50 per cent risk on security, safety and performance. However, the car gets a rating of six out of 20 in the new bandings, representing a risk of almost

Cars in the highest band (20) include the Lotus Carlton and the Mercedes 500 SL. The Golf GTI is at 14, the Astra GTE 16 valve at 15 and the Renault 5 GT Turbo at 14 along with the Fiesta XR2i. High power saloons such as the Sierra Cosworth (16), Rover 820si (16) and the Mercedes 190 2.0E (13) also figure among the upper bands.

Traditional repmobiles such as the Ford Sierra 1.8 LX and the Vauxhall Cavalier 1.6 L hover around the halfway mark at 9 and 6 respectively. Cavalier SRi, Audi 80 1.8 and Granada 2.0 Ghia all make it into band 12. Rover 214si, Toyota Corolla 1.3GL and the Citroen BX19 GTD all come within band 8. Those at the bottom of the bandings in-clude the Volvo 440 in band 5, the Volkswagen Polo 1.0 CL in band 4 and the Vauxhall Nova 1.0 Trip in band 3. The Rover Mini Čity is in band 2.



Westward bound: the Prince and Princess of Wales photographed by Lord Snowdon to mark their six-day visit to Canada, which starts next Wednesday

Island's wild mice aid cancer research

By KERRY GILL

FARAY, a tiny uninhabited outcrop in the Orkney islands, has had little of which to boast apart from sheep, seals, seabird colonies and a healthy population of former house mice that have become wild. But those mice have a possibly unique genetic make-up.

Faray could find itself at the forefront of cancer research as scientists study the mice. Two British biologists based in the United States have spent a week in a disused schoolhouse on the island, collecting 30 of the mice, which were tempted into live traps by peanut

Research on the mice will help the American National Institute of Health in its work on cancer associated oncogenes. Almost by chance it was found that the Faray mice have few oncogenes, making them less susceptible to cancers.

Andrew Berry, a biologist working at Princeton University, was asked to bring back some of the mice for analysis. He went to Faray with Naomi Pierce, who works with Australian butterflies, to trap the mice.

Professor Berry said that the mice had arrived in London where a colony would be bred in a laboratory. DNA extracts from them would be sent to America where it has been found that mice in some sites lose their genetic coding sense over three or four generations and may, in time, become non-carcinogenic.

Man, 19, gets life for 'racial' murder

A WHITE man aged 19 was given a life sentence yesterday for the murder of a black schoolboy in an attack that a judge decided was partly moti-

vated by race hatred. The prosecution at the Old Bailey had said that there was no race motive for the stabbing of Rolan Adams, aged 15. by Mark Thornburrow. How-ever, Judge Richardson, QC. said that the victim had done nothing to deserve the attack and that after hearing the evidence and reading statements by Thornburrow, he was sure that there were "racial overtones". He added: That is something which the

courts will not tolerate." Relatives and friends of the dead boy cheered and clapped in the public gallery when the jury returned a guilty verdict after the eight-day trial.

Thornburrow, of Thamesmead, southeast London, stabbed the boy in the neck with a butterfly knife after a build-up of tension at the Hawksmoor Youth Club in Thamesmead. He claimed that he had acted in selfdefence.

Jean Southworth, QC, for the prosecution, said that the boy and his brother were waiting at a bus stop when Thornburrow ran up behind Rolan Adams and attacked him. The boy ran off but died

some distance away. When arrested Thornburrow told police that Rolan had spat in his face. He also said: "I can't believe he is dead. I saw him run away. There is no way I did that."



By DAVID YOUNG

THE government and the three major charities responsible for the elderly are to relaunch their "Winter Warmth Line" this winter to provide information for vuinerable people to help them to keep warm and well.

Last year the service bandied 15,000 calls from elderly people requiring practical help and advice during the cold weather. It is funded by the departments of health and social security and run from the headquarters of Help the Aged with support from Age Concern and Neighbourhood Energy Action. The number is Freephone 0800-289-404.

The phone line is supported by brochures giving details of

Artificial heart can plug into the mains

By THOMSON PRENTICE, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

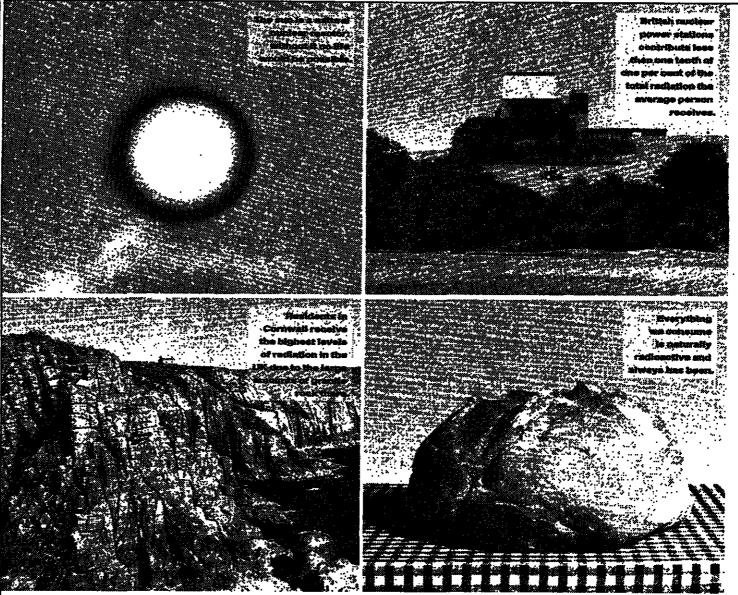
disease in a trial in British hopefully, returning to work." hospitals next year.

About 20 patients who are unsuitable for a conventional heart transplant will be offered an international meeting of the device, which can also be powered by mains electricity supplies at home. The artificial unit, an electromechanical left ventricular assist device, is inserted into the patient's heart and connected to a rechargeable battery under the arm.

The battery runs the heart for about eight hours, but if linked to the domestic mains supply patients could watch television or sleep "without John Dark, head of the trans-worry of power loss", Terence plant unit at the Freeman Lewis, a consultant cardiac hospital, Newcastl surgeon said yesterday. "The Tyne, said yesterday.

BATTERY-powered artificial aim is that they should be able hearts will be implanted in to live an active near-normal patients with severe cardiac and independent life again;

> Mr Lewis, of the Royal London hospital, will give details of the planned trial at cardiologists in London next week. The trial will assess the quality of life, survival of patients and costs compared with medical therapy. Half the patients will be given the titanium device, developed in America and costing up to £30,000. The others will get drugs and intensive care. Many patients waiting for a heart transplant die because of a shortage of donor organs, hospital, Newcastle-upon-



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Yaroooh! Bunter is back

LITERARY EDITOR

YAROOOH! you beasts. Look out! Bunter is back. The Fat Owl of the Remove is being republished, with Mr Quelch, Harry Wharton, and the rest of the famous five at Greviriars. Along with Falstaff and Mr Pickwick,

Bunter is one of the overweight comic characters of Eng. Lit. and formed the sense of humour and (bizarre) ideas about public school for generations of children who never went there. George Orwell wrote that Bunter and his creator Frank Richards had more influence on the mind and outlook of young working-class England than any other single person, not excluding Baden-Powell. But Bunter has been out of print for so

long that the young have never heard of him, and look at you blankly when you mention his name. Hawk Books are tomorrow relaunching the yellow-jacketed novels of the famous anti-hero, in his bulging sponge-bag trousers, as they originally appeared in the Fifties.

Bunter, of course, has been with us for much longer than that. He made his first appearance on February 15, 1908, as a minor comic-strip character in Magnet. But he rapidly became a national institution. He is lazy, untidy, deceitful, a thief, and always hard-up. Children loved him.

He first graduated from comics into books in 1947. Those Bunters are now much treasured and an original fetches at least £80. But you cannot keep a fat boy down in the land of nostalgia. He is due for a 38 original Bunters starting tomorrow.



renaissance, no doubt still expecting a postal order any day now. He was the child of Frank Richards, pen name of Charles Harold St John Hamilton, the most prolific author in the long grind of scribbling. This reclusive classical scholar, using more than 20 pen names, inventing over 100 fictional schools, wrote more than 72 million words of fiction in his lifetime, the equivalent of 1,000 novels. But his imperishable creation is William George (Billy) Bunter, who has passed into the common stock of langua and image, and occupies a (wide) seat in the hall of English literature.

Hawk Books will publish facsimiles of all

THE WAY TO A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF NUCLEAR POWER IS TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH ALL ITS ASPECTS. THE BRITISH NUCLEAR FORUM HOPES THIS MESSAGE, ONE OF A SERIES COVERING ISSUES AT THE HEART OF NUCLEAR POWER, SHOWS OUR WILLINGNESS TO GIVE YOU THE FACTS,

Whose finger will be on Channel 3's control button?



Dyke: one of the five possible contenders

THE person who will have more winners will be able to guarantee influence over what appears on the new Channel 3 than any of yesterday's winners has yet to be chosen. Even the criteria by which the successful candidate will decide which programmes to buy and when to broadcast them, come

1993, is as yet undetermined. The winning independent television companies have three months to devise an independent central scheduling system that will deprive them of their right, held for 35 years, to schedule their own programmes. Only next spring will they be ready to hire the person who will have the power to pick and choose from the offerings of the 15 regional Channel 3 companies, as well as Britain's 800 independent producers. Under the 1990 Broadcasting Act, none of the

that the dramas, comedies and documentaries promised in their applications will materialise on the national independent network.

Nor can they prevent those they have defeated, such as Thames and TVS, from selling their own programmes to the network as independents. Though Thames lost its licence, programmes such as The Bill and This Week will still appear on the small screen after 1993 if the central scheduler wants

The search for that all-important scheduler has already begun, but with Michael Grade tied to Chan-nel 4 with £500,000 "golden handcuffs", the successful candidate is likely to be poached from a big ITV company - winner or loser. Names bandied about include: Greg Dyke,

Melinda Wittstock reports on the need for an influential and powerful central television scheduler and, below, looks at the winners in the great franchise auction

managing director of London Weekend and a major backer of Sunrise; Andy Allan, managing director of Central Broadcasting, Steve Morrison, director of programmes at Granada; Charles Denton, managing director of Zenith Productions; and David Elstein, director of programmes at Thames.

Before anyone will agree to take the job, they will want to see the job description. Disagreement is expected among winners and independent producers on how much power the central scheduler should be given. During a Royal Tele-

vision Society debate on central scheduling last month, Andrew Quinn, managing director of Granada, said new licencees "should not surrender their sovereignty" to the central scheduler. But independent producers disagree. Mr Denton, one of the likely candidates, said the central scheduler must have executive decision-making power outside the independent television companies' direct control if independents are to get a fair

If yesterday's winners fail to agree on the new system by

Winner

Bid £9m

HTV (incumbent) Bid \$20.5m

Grampian Bld £720,000

Westcountry Television Bid £7.8m

Ulster Television (incumbent) Bid £1.02m

Tyne Tees Television (Incumbent) Bid £15.1m

Channel Television (incumbent) £1,000

Meridian Broadcasting

Granada Television (Incumbent)

Yorkshire Television (incumbent) Bid £37.7m

The Office of Fair Trading, which wants independent television networking arrangements opened up to public scrutiny, has until next July satisfy itself that the new arrangements are fair and open.

Three months is not long to establish the system by which independent television's success will be guaranteed or lost. Disputes are expected over the size, structure and location of the central scheduling unit, as well as whether independents may completely bypass the independent television companies and take their proposals direct to the central scheduler.

Leslie Hill, chief executive of Central Television which retained

Carlton Communications (90%)/ Daily Telegraph (5%)/Rizzoli Corrier della Sera (5%)

Granada Group (100%)

institutional investors

Institutional investors

Local businessmen

Phillips & Drew (9.5%)/FMR Corp (6%)/ Barcleys Bank (7.6%)

Associated Newspapers (20%)/ Brittany Ferries (15%)/South West Water (20%)/Trilion (10%)

Chase Nominees (8%)/Scottish Amicable (7%)/ Phildrew Nominees (6.7%)/Bank of Scotland (6.8%)

Channel Islands Communications (100%)

MAI (65%)/Central TV (20%)/SelecTV (15%)

January 31 1992, as is feared, the Independent Television Commission will impose a new system. Either way, the winners will have

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difficulty agreeing on the size of their contributions to the annual network budget, likely to be set and the present rate of £450 million in the first year. Central, which pend just £2,000 a year, will have a hard time agreeing with, for instance Yorkshire, which bid £37.7 million a year. A decision by leading licensees to cut expenditure could mean the difference between 2003 hours of original network drama and 110 hours of drama with 90 hours of repeats.

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TVS (incumbent, £59.8m)/Carlton (£18.1m)/CPV-TV (£22.1m, falled

North West TV (E35.3m, falled quality)

Three East (£14.1m)/CPV-TV (£10.1m, failed quality)

C3W (£17.8m)/Mertin (£19.4m, falled quality)/C3WW (18.3m, failed quality)

TSW (incumbent, (£18.1m, overbid),/ TeleWest (£7.3m, failed quality)

TVni (£3.1m, falled business plan)/ Lagari (£2.7m falled quality)

C3 Caledonia (£1.13m), North of Scotland TV (£2.71m)

North East Television (£5m)

LONDON WEEKDAY

Slimline victor will create wave of change

MICHAEL Green has long its programmes, except re-coveted Thames Television's gional news, from indepenman of Carlton Commun- records in drama, light enterications, which yesterday tainment, factual and current ousted Thames in the biggest affairs programmes. upset of the auction, has looked forward to this day gramme director and an since 1985, when the Independent Broadcasting Auth-ority blocked his £82.5 million said yesterday: "I'm delighted

takeover bid for Thames. Six years ago the authority the independent sector. I have ruled that a Carlton bid would long believed that some of the lead to a "major change in the best production ideas and nature and characteristics" of creative talent comes from a viable independent tele- within the the independent vision company, but only after sector, where the quality of Richard Dunn, who had been ideas are all that counts." managing director of Thames for just a week, asked the more than 500 hours of new regulator to stop the bid.

It was that ruling, broad-

PROMISES: £80 million programme budget, eight hours of local program-ming weekly and 500 hours of network programming annually, will replace This Week with a new current affairs programme, Seven

Green hate to lose, but his loss Cleared for Takeoff, an action at the hands of the Thames drama series about airline deregulation.

Buckinghamshire millhouse was filled with the who's who of the British broadcasting establishment last year when he married Tessa Buckmaster, who works for Carlton Communications. His close friends Red Dwarf. Carlton has Michael Grade, chief executive of Channel 4, and Alan edy dramas under the title Yentob. controller of BBC2, sat with the couple at the head table. John Birt, deputy director-general of the BBC, and David Elstein, director of programmes at Thames, also

Green, aged 42, one of Britain's wealthiest men with a personal fortune of £50 million, becomes one of the club's most powerful members. He is likely to become still richer now that he can add British commercial television's most lucrative franchises to the £1 billion television production, facilities and editing company also has a 20 per cent stake in Central, which retained its licence unopposed with a bid

of just £2,000 a year. Mr Green has the tenacity and business acumen that has been lacking in the television industry. He stands ready to revolutionise the independent television system in a way even he might not have

contemplated back in 1985. The awarding of the largest ITV licence to Carlton, whose £43.2 million outbid Thames by £10.7 million, will create waves of structural change throughout television, forcing thousands of programme makers out of secure jobs.

Unlike Thames, which proposed to retain its studios and its 1,300 employees to remain a large programme maker as well as a broadcaster, Carlton chose an altogether different formula, which let it keep its cost base low enough to outbid Thames and still convince the commission it could put quality programmes on the air. Carlton, which will employ just 400 people, will buy in all

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lucrative franchise. The chair- dent producers with proven Paul Jackson, Carlton's pro-

independent producer of alterwith this new opportunity for Carlton, which is offering

programmes to the ITV net-work in 1993, has already casters now say, that paved invested over £2 million in the way for yesterday's de-developing 70 new procision. Not only does Mr grammes from 30 independent production companies which between them have won 120 awards.

Much of Carlton's drama output will be supplied by Zenith, Carlton's 51 per centowned subsidiary, which produced Inspector Morse, Byker Grove and the acclaimed drama-documentary Shoot To Kill. Viewers can expect ement and the au-security; Body and Soul, about thority strengthened the re- a nun leaving her enclosed solve of the Thatcher govern- order; and Routes, an early ment to break up what it evening soap opera created by perceived to be a cosy insid- Julia Smith, the producer of ers' club with a cold draft of EastEnders, about two families in the transport business.

Mr Green is already very much a part of that club. His five independents: Hat Trick, makers of Channel 4's Drop the Dead Donkey, Noel Gay, Mr Jackson's company; Humphrey Barclay, who made Desmonds; Spitting Image; and Grant Naylor, maker of Comedy Playhouse, and new satire shows being developed.

This Week, Thames' 20-yearold current affairs programme, with Seven Days, a half-hour show made by Clau-With yesterday's news, Mr dia Milne, whose company Twenty Twenty Vision made its reputation with investigative documentaries such as the award-winning Island of Outcasts, about mentally ill people incarcerated on a Greek Island.

Carlton plans to replace

Regional programmes will run from 5.10pm to 6.30pm Monday to Thursday, with the Carlton News Hour starting at 5.30pm and enveloping ITN's News at 5.40. Regular regional builetins will be broadcast through the day.

LONDON WEEKEND

EXECUTIVES of London

Weekend Television were well

on their way to becoming

millionaires yesterday as its

shares climbed on the news

that they had succeeded in

retaining their franchise with a

much smaller than expected

LWT bid £7.58 million

compared with the £35.4 mil-

lion tendered by London In-

dependent Broadcasting, a

consortium of high-powered

London independent produc-

ers which failed to pass the

Under a "golden handcuff" bonus and share option

scheme introduced two years

ago to ensure the loyalty of 44

key executives. Christopher

Bland, the chairman, and

Greg Dyke, the managing

director, almost trebled their

money as LWT shares jumped

But it is not just the

cent of the company - they The Guardian and Man-include Melvyn Bragg, the arts chester Evening News.

executives who get 14.7 per

53p to 198p yesterday.

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Golden handcuffs

unlock fortunes

THE ITV WINNERS BORDER a YORKSHIRE **GRANADA** нτν LWT WEST COUNTRY

WINNERS AND LOSERS South and Southeast (6.33m viewers) Wales and the West (4.298m viewers) South West England (1.52m viewers) North Scotland (1.095m viewers) (629,000 viewers) Central Scotland (3.557m viewers)

SOUTH COAST

Now for someone quite familiar

the stars the company plans to

Meridian's board, which includes the actor Michael Palin, Bill Cotton, the former BBC Television managing director, and Sir Richard Luce, the former arts minister. raised £36.5 million funding to win the bid and draw up its

convincing schedules. Palin, who is in Kenya making a travel programme, said: "I joined with the zebras, giraffes, hyenas and greater kudus in rejoicing at this wonderful news. Our approach was serious, practical and realistic and it paid off."

The company says it will regions in place of the current two in the South and South-East of England. It aims to develop programmes with performers who include Robbie Coltrane, Rowan Atkinson and Tracey Ullman. The com-

controller - who will benefit.

LWT's stars, including the

comedy partnership Hale and

Pace, Blind Date's Cilla Black,

Jeremy Beadle, Brian Walden

and Michael Aspel, signed

three-year contracts worth

about £500,000 a year each to

the company's South Bank

PROMISES: to continue

as integrated producer-broadcaster with un-

changed staff of 640; will

try to improve regional news and current affairs by

co-operating with Carlton.

headquarters with the news

that Sunrise TV, in which

LWT has a 20 per cent stake,

displaced TV-am to win the

national breakfast licence.

Sunrise's other shareholders

include Walt Disney, Scottish

Television and Guardian

Newspapers, publishers of

Celebrations continued at

secure their loyalty.

INDEPENDENT television pany is 65 per cent owned by viewers in what is the richest the financial and information regional area in Britain will services group MAI, 20 per already be familiar with one of cent by the successful Midlands bidder Central TV and rise TV, the consortium 15 per cent by the independent offering "a cheerful morning producer SelecTV.

Meridian South-East will behind it, has displaced TV-cover Kent, East Sussex and am as the new national breakparts of Surrey and Essex,

PROMISES: to commission network dramas and comedies from independents; create three news regions, based in Maidstone, Southampton and Newbury, each with own nightly news bulletin and current affairs magazine.

Meridian South will cover Brighton, Southampton, West Sussex, south Hampshire, the Isle of Wight and parts of Dorset and Surrey, and Meridian West will cover Berkshire. North Hampshire and the Thames Valley. The company plans news production centres in Southampton, Maidstone and Newbury.

BREAKFAST TIME

Viewing figures represent total possible audience

Sunrise offers good cheer and more information

GOOD morning Britain. It's about everyone in the television industry expected: Sunwith a bit more information behind it", has displaced TVfast contractor.

Cartoons will disappear from the weekday screen in 1993, to be replaced by children's news and current affairs bulletins. Sunrise, backed by LWT, Scottish TV, Walt Disney and The Guardian, won the lucrative licence after outbidding both TV-am, Britain's most profitable station, and Daybreak, its ITN and Daily Telegraph-backed rival, with a cash offer of £34.6

TV-am's sofas may be re-placed by the Sunrise oval breakfast table, but the new morning programme, Day-Break, will continue in TVam's cheerful, lively vein.
"We are appealing to the current viewers whom we

CARLTON

Happy day: Michael Green, Carlton's non-

executive chairman, in winning mood

6am and here is the news just Howell, Sunrise's director of downmarket, mostly women attract the large numbers of people who don't watch break-Sunrise promises viewers a fast television at all with more news and more information."

Unlike Daybreak, TV-am's other challenger, Sunrise felt it would be risky to tamper too PROMISES: national and international news plus local news, weather and traffic for 18 regions;

health, education, and arts

on DayBreak Plus later in

morning. Children's cartoons at weekend only. much with TV-am's highly successful format. "It would upmarket," said Michael Braham, a non-executive di-rector of Sunrise and independent producer who will supply Sunrise's Sunday morning current affairs magazine,

and mostly outside London, Mr Braham said.

rolling news programme, with local news, weather and traffic "opt-outs" (area transmissions) for the 18 ITV regions and sub-regions. Regional ITV companies will supply six three-minute bulletins every weekday. Independent producers will provide a daily regional feature for each of the 18 opt-outs, while Live Link will bring a live outside broad-

cast each morning. Children will get their own news bulletins at 7:20am every morning with children's programmes, including Disney cartoons dominating Saturday mornings. From 8:50am on weekdays, when 70 per cent of the breakfast audience are women, Day-Break Plus will contain features ranging from health. SundayBreak, as well as its diet, stress and yoga to edu-8:50am weekday magazine, cation and reviews of books, DayBreak Plus. "The audi-films and videos.

SOUTHWEST

CI3 (£102,000, failed quality)

Highlight on news for region

backbone Westcountry Television's successful bid for the South-West region was the provision of news and current affairs programmes for the area.

The company, whose prin-cipal shareholders include Associated Newspapers, Brittany Ferries and South West Water, has John Banham, CBI director-general, as chairman- \$ designate and has submitted a planning application to build studios in Plymouth.

Frank Copplestone, aged 66, the company's deputy chairman, was managing director of Southern TV, which lost its licence to TVS in the last round of franchise awards

ten years ago. He is a broadcasting veteran, having entered the TV industry in 1957 after leaving the army. Colleagues say he is a born leader. He was president of the National Union of

PROMISES: regional news opt-outs for Truro, Exeter and Barustaple; more coverage on edu-cation, health, crime prevention, environment and transport; more weekend news.

Students during his time at Nottingham University and when serving in the army helped others after being wounded on the Normandy

beaches. Mr Copplestone, aged 66, acted quickly by yesterday recruiting John Presscott-Thomas, the BBC's regional head. The company has al-ready reruited LWT's Richard Myers and TV-am's Jane Clarke. Full details of schedules are still secret, but two

subjects to be screened will be sailing and rugby. Among the first tasks for WCT is to find an emblem to market a corporate image representing its image for the South-West, but the involvement of South West Water PLC and Associated Newspapers in the new company has already led to local criticism. South West Water is seen as a controversial backer, in light of the highly publicised Camelford water poisoning incident in North Cornwall and Associated Newspapers owns large parts.

of the local press.

Central poised to be leading player

CENTRAL Independent Tele- owns 20 per cent of Central. vision stands to become the most powerful player in the Central's derisory bid is new Channel 3. The station gambled with European media giants, who

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£2,000 a year, guessing correctly that it would be unopposed in the bidding. The cost at 1993 prices amounts to just over £5 a day.

Central, the second largest ITV company with an audience of nine million, now has the chance to become the most profitable. Best known for as Inspector Morse and Spitting when the moratorium on take-Image, Central has the financial muscle to make it the biggest contributor to the national network.

Yesterday's news that disclosed a 50 per cent drop in Meridian Broadcasting had displaced TVS in the South and South-East was welcome campaign to relax cross-ownnews for Central, which has a ership curbs preventing ITV 20 per cent share in Meridian. companies from acquiring Meanwhile,

overs expires. It is not surprising, therefore, that Leslie Hill, chairman and chief executive of Central TV, who last week pre-tax profits for the first half of this year, is spearheading a Carlton continental broadcasters, or,

the blind bidding procedure are free to acquire ITV com-and won: it put in a bid of just panies from January 1994 PROMISES: to continue as integrated producerbroadcaster, invest £18 million on new Birming-

However, the hidden cost of

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Thames, a wounded Phoenix, takes flight into production

LOSS of a commercial tele-shareholder with 56 per cent, viewers switched channels. vision franchise used to mean certain death at the hands of a liquidator. Now, fortunately for yesterday's losers, it promises a new life in a different

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Months before the Independent Television Commission confirmed industry speculation that Thames Television would lose its licence to Carlton, Thames executives had put together a confidential contingency plan.

It will involve at least 1,000 redundancies, but Thames will emerge as Europe's most powerful independent proutor, it claimed yesterday. Under the plan, Thames will close its Euston headquarters but keep open its Teddington studios, and concentrate entirely on producing peak-time popular hits such as Minder, The Bill and This Is Your

These, along with other profitable this way," Thames said. Being forced out of million a year in bid paytaxes and about £10 million in transmitter costs. With staff

pledged last night to stand by The move would bring Chan-Thames to help it to develop nel 4 about £20 million in into a powerful US-style stu- extra revenue each year, but dio - a home for writers and could impair the financial producers who would be health of Sunrise, which bid "published" under the £34.6 million to unseat TV-Thames name. Thames will am. The breakfast channel's also consider launching one or other options include joining a two channels on Astra, the consortium bidding for the Luxembourg-based satellite new Channel 5 as its news via which BSkyB broadcasts. provider, or linking up with

However, to succeed in a Sky News, the 24-hour news brave new world of indepen- channel. dent status will require a complete change in management attitudes. Robin Foster, media consultant at the National Economic Research ducer and programme distrib- Association, said: "Thames is gramme suppliers. By 1994, not used to competition in network supply, they will need to readjust the way they operate. They may need to form liaisons with others in Europe to bring in such expertise."

There is life after death for yesterday's other losers, although none will find it so programmes in its 9,000-00000 library, will be sold to independent television and move its popular breakfast programme onto Channel 4 in 1002 Although Liz Forgan, Channel 4's director of probroadcasting will save £32.5 grammes, ruled out the proments, about £30 million a Grade, the chief executive, is year in advertising revenue understood still to be interested.

TV-am, which now reaches reduced from 1,300 to just 200
or 300, Thames's overheads
will be cut significantly. will be cut significantly. crease Channel 4's morning Thorn EMI, its biggest ratings as its loyal 17 million

Anger and tears as losers hear news

TSW - could turn themselves

into regionally based indepen-

become more powerful pro-

when takeover restrictions are

abandoned, they could take

over a winning Channel 3

TVS, however, has already

told its shareholders that its

"preferred strategy" will be to

wind the company up. TSW, worth little more than the

break-up value of its assets, is

also likely to be wound up by

its shareholders.

dents, merging with others to

By Jamie Dettmer

NEVER have so many journalists got so wet for so little. As the scrums of reporters and photographers waited impatiently outside Thames Television and TV-am yesterday, only the traffic wardens seemed happy to work in the downpour, placing tickets on the press cars.

"Go away," a ferocious guard at TV-am said when be was asked whether reporters were allowed inside. "Go away," said an equally aggressive doorman at Thames's headquarters in Euston Road, London. The other losers - TVS and Few staff at either company

were keen to talk to reporters

immediately after the news

broke that the Independent Television Commission had turned down their bids. Many felt that the newspapers were partly responsible for the changes in the franchise system. "The feeling is that the stunned," said a televison newspapers egged on the government, who, like her colnewspapers egged on the gov-researcher, who, like her col-ernment in its reform plans leagues, did not want to be and supported ministers when named. they attacked controversial



Studio exit: Trish Ingrams, the Thames presenter, leaving yesterday

bid shortly before 10am from rather horrible." A few people

"The last few days have programmes during Mrs been rather exciting as we Thatcher's time in office," a have waited to find out what Thames News journalist said. would happen. The at-

cried, although many looked

misty-eyed. Shortly before 10.30, hundreds of the staff gathered in studio five to listen to Richard Dunn, Thames's chief executive. Others remained at their posts and heard his hostile and fears were ex- not be worrying about me, you statement on the firm's close- pressed about redundancy should worry about

heard that they had lost the Christmas. But the present is Dunn told them that the new franchise system was unfair. He warned them that a thousand jobs would have to go by 1993 but the company would survive as Britain's largest

independent production firm. Most of the questions Mr Dunn was asked by staff were Most of Thames's 1,400 staff mosphere has been a bit like circuit television system. Mr terms. Even so, the chief viewers."

executive was applauded at the end of the meeting. "I think it was the herd habit. They thought they were a studio-audience, I suspect," a staff-member said.

At a small wake in the nearby Prince of Wales' Feathers pub, most of the talk was about job prospects. "If this had happened two years ago, it would have been okay, there were a lot of jobs in television around then," a young man said to a group of depressedlooking people. "No I won't have a double. I've still got to get a programme out," someone shouted over the crowded

A mile away in Camden north London, TV-am staff also decided to drown their sorrows. In the Oxford Arms, there was laughter and tears. There was also anger, with staff complaining that TVam's bid was too low, a claim made by Thames staff as well.

At the studios, David Frost, a TV-am presenter and one of the founders of the station, left in a Rolls-Royce saying "there is great sadness". He contin-ued: "When I was at school I was told the important thing was not winning but taking part I did not believe it then and I certainly do not believe it now,"

Ulrika Jonsson, the station's weather forecaster, said: "It's a travesty. The whole affair is dreadful. It's a very, very sad day, but you should

Redmond astonished by defeat

By RONALD FAUX

PHIL Redmond, the chief TVS was considering legal said he was astonished and disappointed when the de- and disappointment. cision reached his Liverpool

headquarters yesterday. North West had spent more considered, he told a press conference. "Our board meets on Friday and it will be

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Mr Redmond, who is head front Beat on BBC1 and Brookside on Channel 4, said | ITC's requirements." that North West seemed to He was surprised that other companies had cleared the

North West had not.
The choice of Granada when the two bids were so wide apart was "a bit odd". cess and claimed it was part of the added: "Looking at our a broader attack on broadcast regional proposals, they were so exceptional, so innovative, much higher than anyone anywhere else in the system has put forward. The decision is just astounding."

TVS may take legal action

By Peter Victor

was considering its options, including the possibility of the ITC dec Agnew, the TVS chairman, said: "We are surprised and bitterly disappointed that the and with full regard for the

Steve Harris, chairman of have cleared Beechers Brook | the joint shop stewards comonly to fall at the water jump. mittee, issued a written statement saying: "We particularly regret that this is the result of a quality threshold whereas grossly inequitable and unjust system of allocation." He criticised the government's handling of the bidding process and claimed it was part of

> Staff leaving work in som-bre mood said they had been ordered not to speak to the

executive of North West Tele- action yesterday over the Invision, whose £35 million bid dependent Television Comfor the Granada franchise was mission's decision not to grant rejected in favour of a £9 mil-lion bid by the incumbent, members at its Southampton headquarters expressed regret The company said that it

than £1 million on making its asking for a judicial review of of Mersey Television, which vision had prepared its has Grange Hill and Water application with great care

press. Management also declined to comment.

IF YOU LIE AWAKE WONDERING WHERE TO PUT YOUR SAVINGS, TRY TURNING OVER.

Game show with win or bust result

By Peter Barnard

IN THE half hour before the announcement of the commercial relevision franchises yesterday morning, the independent television network transmitted a quiz called Jeopardy! As if the title were insufficiently ironic, the format consisted of people being given the answers and scoring points by supplying the questions, which some in independent television regard as a fair description of the blind bidding process.

One answer not included in the programme was "TVS". The question that goes with it is: "Who makes Jeopardy! for the independent television network?" At 10am came an ITN bulletin confirming that, for TVS, jeopardy was a reality as well as a game show.

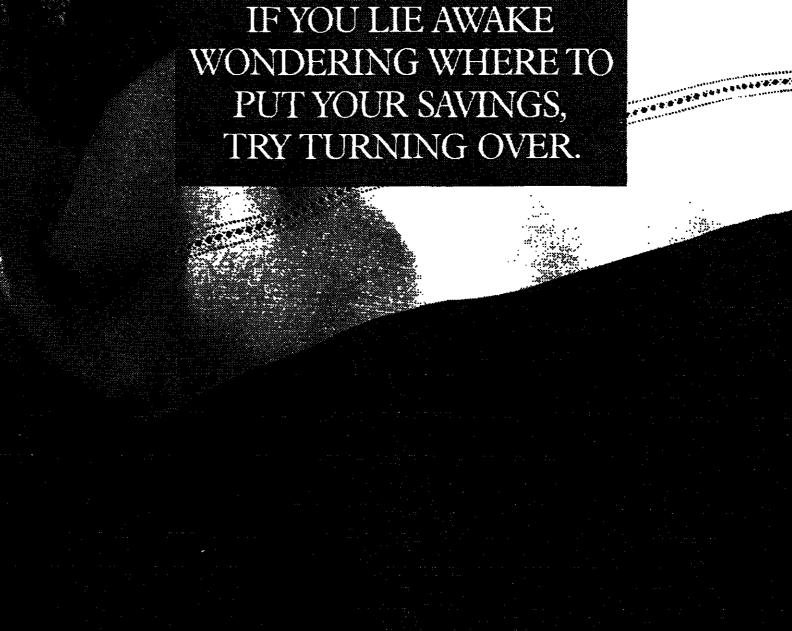
How many great pro-grammes, or at least much loved favourites, are to be lost with the disappearance of Thames, TV-am. TVS and TSW? Thames, which took the likes of Benny Hill, Tommy Cooper, Eric Sykes, The Bill and Minder to international fame, will continue as a production company, so its established Sooty Show is open to questo where we belong". Is that

will continue to make Strike it Lucky, the Michael Barrymore showcase, may largely depend on the company and the network retaining a

sense of humour. TSW, one of the smallest very visible on the network, but TV-am is another matter. It is, of course, famed for making Anne Diamond and for featuring David Frost, who, with Angela Rippon and Michael Parkinson, launched the ship into stormy financial waters.

The latter two have long since lowered their profiles (that is, gone into radio too). Frost, who conducts Sunday morning interviews for TVam, would survive on the 13th floor of a building suffering from concrete cancer erected on the San Andreas fault; the failure of his consortium is a mere

Today, at Claridge's, TVam gives its annual awards for television critics. This is not billed as a black-tie event, but shows every sign of being sombre. On Sunday, independent television screens The Human Factor. a network contribution programmes look secure. from TVS. This week's pro-Whether this applies to The gramme is sub-titled "Back



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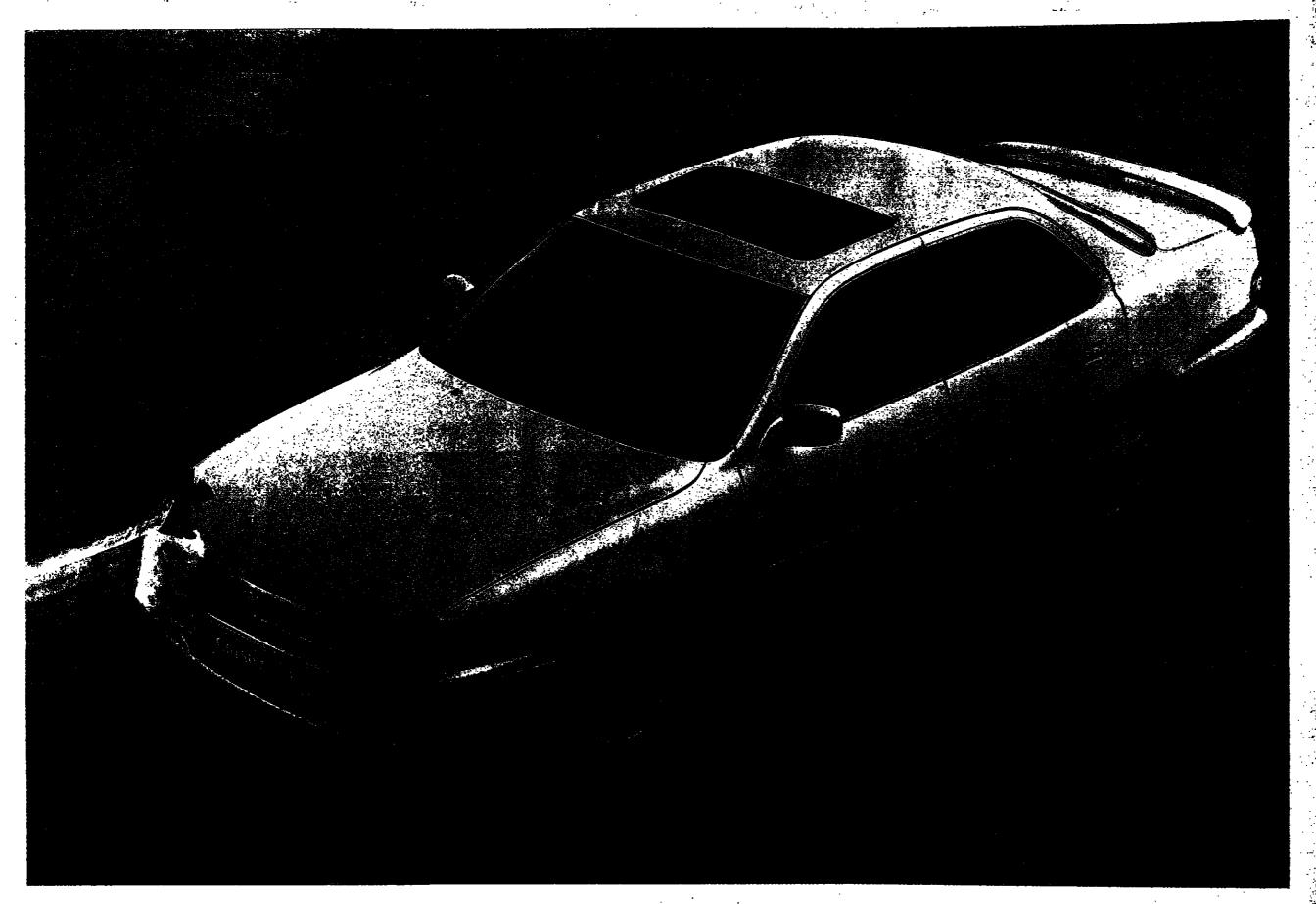
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As seized properties keep prices down throughout the country, the pain of eviction continues

Glut of cheap repossessed homes curbs sales revival

By Christopher Warman, property correspondent

survey published today.

possessed property trans- some time. actions are preventing sales critical. The number of forced show little movement.

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Peter Miller, spokesman for

economy improved and in- few months. terest rates fell, the housing market would recover, although the backlog would take when confidence returns time to clear. That is con-comes from the National firmed by agents in many House-Building Council. Its parts of the country. Charles "ability to buy" index is at its Hanreck of the Rona Partner- highest level since the boom of ship in Rayleigh, Essex, said: 1988. The index, based on a "We are totally unable to formula combining deposits perceive any up-turn. The and advances for first-time market is flooded with low-buyers with average earnings, priced repossessed properties was 97 in 1988 before falling which sell spasmodically, but to 42 in 1989, and has now do not produce a knock-on increased in the last quarter effect to rejuvenate the rest of from 91 to 95, a level that in

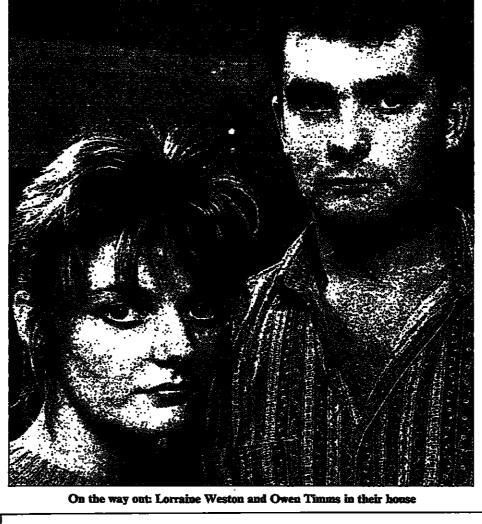
Mark Jackson of Atkinsons, healthy housing market.

THE large number of re- in Enfield, north London, possessed homes on the mar-recalled a conversation with a ket is preventing the recovery bailiff at a repossession hearof the housing market, the ing last week. "He said he Royal Institution of Chartered would be attending four re-Surveyors states in its latest possessions a day between now and December. While In a blunt assessment of the this is the current state of the market, the institution says market prices are bound to that an abundance of re-remain stagnant for quite

Robert Jones of Sails Bruce throughout the higher price Hooley, in Long Eaton, ranges. "Overall, confidence is Derbyshire, said that while the badly lacking, resulting in a large number of repossessed properties appeared to satisfy sales and repossessions is on the market for would-be secthe increase and many areas ond-time buyers was stagnant tow little movement." as they were generally not With more than 36,000 prepared to sell at a lower homes repossessed in the first price than their purchase price

Signs of improvement have mated for the second half, tens been seen in a few isolated of thousands of repossessed areas, but the survey shows properties are potentially that overall about two-thirds available for sale at low prices. of the 83 agents reported static the institution, said the prices in the three months to residential market was contin- the end of September. An uing to bump along the bot- increased number of viewings tom, with estate agents and enquiries in the last three reporting that buyer con- months has encouraged Comfidence was low. "Properties erstone, Abbey National's esin possession often provide tate agents, to report that attractive buys but do not confidence is improving. release purchasers into the David Sanderson, the marketmarket for houses further up ing manager, said, however, the ladder," he said. that no significant increase in He predicted that as the prices was expected in the next

> Another indication that the market is ready for recovery normal times reflects a



'It's not realistic, just cruel'

BAILIFFS will call to see Owen Timms and Lorraine Weston at their home in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, any day now. The couple are about to be evicted by the Woolwich Building Society after falling behind their mortgage repayments.

When the eviction order is served — possibly this week their belongings will be piled in the small front garden and new locks will be fitted to the doors to prevent them going back. Mr Timms, aged 25, and Ms Weston, aged 26, have nowhere else to go; they are neither elderly nor destitute and do not qualify for council emergency rehousing.

The couple want to start repaying their arrears (about £16,000) but they say the Woolwich has refused to negotiate. Mr Timms said: "The building society has been unympathetic, to say the least. We have had no advice from them on how to deal with this debt - just a demand for £8,000 immediately if we want to stay. It is not realistic, it is just bloody cruel."

They want to pay their debts but the Woolwich says it's too late. Bill Frost reports on two people waiting for the bailiffs

£64,000 mortgage "slide a bit". However, he is now working regularly again and, with Ms Weston's help, wants to clear the debt with the

"We have fallen behind badly three times since we took the mortgage out," Mr Timms said, "But now we can pay what they were asking -£627 a month on the mortgage, and £127 on arrears. They just will not listen

Ms Weston said they had been offered no advice on clearing their debts. "The only telling us our home was going to be taken from us," she said. Paul Rogers, a spokesman for the building society, said:

"The last thing we want to do is evict anybody. We do not Mr Timms, a plasterer, fell enjoy it. But this account gives into arrears when recession hit us no confidence for the the building industry. He ad- future. It is a rather sad mits he let repayments on his situation." He said that it was

company policy to write to customers when they had fallen behind with their payments for two successive months. "If they still have not paid after three months we would send someone from the local branch to see them and discuss the problem," he said.

Mr Timms was surprised to hear the Woolwich offered debt counselling. "They have been cold and unsympathetic. treating us like numbers on a balance sheet not human beings," he said.

The building societies have refused to contribute to a fund set up after an investigation into the problems of debt by Lord Ezra, former chairman of the National Coal Board. The Building Societies Association said its members already provided a wide range of debt counselling services in their high street offices. However, time we saw the local manager was when he came around policy unit at Downing Street are understood to be preparing to meet the building societies insist that they make

substantial contributions. Mr Timms said: "I do not blame the Woolwich alone. We were all encouraged under Thatcher to buy our own homes. The dream has gone

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Concern at Tipp-Ex thinner

Tipp-Ex UK is considering removing its solvent-based thinner fluid from the market after studying reports that the product was being taken off the Belgian market. A student at Reading College of Technology died last week after he inhaled the Tipp-Ex solvent
Louise Johnston, Tipp-Ex
UK marketing manager, said
the company was taking seriously Belgian press and radio reports that the Tipp-Ex solvent thinner was being withdrawn by the Belgian distributor after the recent death of

a teenager there. The Reading student, Amar Zeb, aged 16, was killed by a substance in the thinner called trichloroethane, which concentrates in the brain. Tipp-Ex UK is based at Camberley,

Uniforms burnt Unused British Rail shirts,

jumpers, trousers, jackets, overcoats and caps, worth £100,000, were burnt in a Derby incinerator. They had been in store since being superseded by new BR outfits two years ago.

Orphans robbed Children's clothes, toys and household items destined for Romanian orphans were stolen from a room at Leybourne Grange hospital, West Malling, Kent

Asbestos alert

Customers at a chemist's shop in Loughton, Essex, could have bought goods last week coated with asbestos dust, which can cause cancer. It came from ceiling tiles being replaced. Although the risk is slight, customers are being told to report any effects to their doctors.

Hot potatoes

An entire field of Pentland Dell potatoes were stolen from a farm in Newby, North Yorkshire. Police said that the four tonnes of potatoes, worth £400, would have taken four men about eight hours to dig up and load onto a lony.

Soldiers hurt

Five soldiers were injured carriers collided in fog on Salisbury Plain, Wiltshire.

Instant line 'answer to dog mess'

By DAVID YOUNG

INSTANT fines should be imposed on dog-owners who allow their animals to foul the pavement, according to three in five people questioned in a National Consumer Council survey. The council found that almost half of those surveyed favoured immediate fines for dropping litter and 45 per cent thought there should be more litter bins.

The survey was conducted for the council by Mori, which interviewed 1,923 people over the age of 18 throughout the country in March this year. Mori found that more than eight out of ten thought that litter was a problem in their area and more than four out of ten considered the problem to be severe.

Nearly two in five also thought that the streets should be cleaned more often. Over a third thought that shopkeepers should be responsible for keeping their frontages clean and a quarter thought that householders should be responsible for pavements near their homes.

A quarter of those who took part in the survey said that they thought their streets were dirtier than two years ago. They mainly blamed drink cans and bottles (68 per cent), dog dirt (66 per cent), and fast-food wrappers (61 per cent). Parents and others with children in their households were more concerned about dog messes than those without

children. Lady Wilcox, chairman of the council, said: "It's not much good moaning about a dirty neighbourhood if all of us, as individuals, are not prepared to take the necessary steps to keep litter down. Dog owners are still allowing their dogs to foul pavements, verges, parks, commons and beaches. Smokers still throw lighted cigarettes away. It is not just a question of litter and dog dirt making neighbour-hoods unsightly. Litter can be

downright dangerous." The council said that local authorities in urban areas should provide dog dirt disposal bins for use by dogowners. Consumers should when two armoured personnel also exercise their legal right to ensure that local authorities clear up litter.

Labour may bar Scargill ally from key by-election

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDEN

Scargill may be blocked by Labour chiefs today from representing the party in the imminent by-election at Hemsworth in Yorkshire, one of three contests being held in a "mini-general-election" on November 7.

Ken Capstick, vice-chairman of the National Union of Mineworkers, faces a tough grilling from a high-powered committee whose members include Roy Hattersley, the deputy leader, Joyce Gould, Labour's director of organis-ation, and David Hill, the communications director. It is chaired by Eddie Haigh. former assistant general secretary of the transport work-

In a seat that has always been an NUM stronghold Mr Capstick is easily the frontrunner in terms of nominations secured from party branches and trade unions. He may be dropped, however, because of fears that he could embarrass the party. The by-election panel, set up after Labour's defeat in the Glasgow Govan by-election

A CLOSE ally of Arthur in 1988, is charged with ensuring that the party has a suitable candidate who can stand up to media scrutiny in the special circumstances of a

Senior Labour figures believe that Mr Capstick could be a liability in the byelection because of his close identification with the NUM president, an implacable opponent of Neil Kinnock.

While Labour is certain to hold one of its safest seats irrespective of the candidate, leaders fear he might harm the party's chances in the other two by-elections on the same day, at Kincardine and Deeside and Langbaurgh where it is trying to overturn a small Conservative

At today's session at Wakefield town hall the panel will interview Mr Capstick and the other candidates and then draw up a shortlist from which the local Hemsworth party will pick their candidate tonight. The selection process has been telescoped into 12 hours to enable the party to



Hattersley: member of committee that will closely examine candidates

be ready to launch a speedy campaign for November 7. If Mr Capstick is on the shortlist he will almost certainly

Aged 50, he was born in the constituency and lives three miles from the boundary. He has already picked up four of the ten branches and he has the backing of five unions. However, the panel has dropped front-runners before and may do so today if it is

not convinced that Mr Cap- Tory lead. stick will disown allegiance to far-left Scargillite policies. The writs for the three contests were moved in the Commons yesterday. At Langbaurgh, Cleveland, Labour needs a swing of only 1.7 per cent to overturn the 2,088 Conservative majority. At Kincardine, Nicol Stephen, the Liberal Democrat candidate, needs a 2.2 per cent wooffindin (L/All), 6,568. Lab maj: 20,700.

stick will disown allegiance to General election: Kincardine

MPs will see 'Iraq export' firms

RV SHEILA GUNN

MPs ARE to question British firms that exported nuclear chemical and other potentially lethal equipment to Iraq in the months before President Saddam Hussein's invasion of

At a private meeting yesterday, the Commons trade and industry committee also decided to call trade officials next month to explain how sensitive equipment was licensed for export by the department despite the arms embargo agreed in 1985 in reaction to the Iran-Iraq war Later in the next session, Peter Lilley, trade secretary, will also be summoned to give

The MPs decided the outline programme for their revived enquiry into exports to Iraq yesterday, focusing in the coming months on the exporting firms named by the trade department during the sum-THET TECESS.

Two firms involved in building the alleged Iraqi supergun, Walter Somers and Sheffield Forgemasters, and officials from Customs and Excise, which seized parts of the equipment, will be questioned by the all-party committee before the end of the year. A list of licensed exports, including depleted uranium radar equipment and fast assault craft, was given to the committee by the department

Mr Lilley dismissed the ensuing dispute as a "fuss about nothing". However later he issued a full list of the licensed firms and dates.

The detailed information confirmed that Britain exported equipment to Iraq which enhanced Saddam Hussein's military capability but did not appear to contribute to the build-up of nuclear or chemical weapons.

Confidence 'sinking'

attack on government industrial policy last night and claimed that falling company donations to the Tory party were an indication of dwindling confidence.

But Peter Lilley, the trade and industry secretary, accused the Opposition of denigrating Britain. Good news for the country was bad news for Labour, he said.

Opening a Commons de-bate, Gordon Brown, shadow industry secretary, cited figures showing a decline in investment, output and employment. He spoke of a permament erosion of manufacturing capability.

Mr Lilley said of Mr Brown: "He gloats on gloom. What makes him genuinely gloomy is any sign of good news." He added: "He is the sort of person who is banned from the local wine bar during

Scots regiments feel betrayed, says Whitelaw

VISCOUNT Whitelaw the former deputy prime minister, said last night that Scottish regiments felt betrayed and disillusioned by the loss of battalions and amalgamations in the defence reorganisation.

Viscount Whitelaw, once an

officer in the Scots Guards,

which is losing a battalion, hoped for a rethink during the phasing in of the changes. He was speaking in a defence debate in the House of Lords. "I hope that there will not be, in the Ministry of Defence, a sort of obstinate determination to cling to the present plans whatever the changes in circumstances may be." He was cheered on all sides

when he said that when it came to the army, there must be anxiety, particularly since so many of Mr King's decisions were being so widely questioned. The new infantry battalions had to be found without overstretching units and there must be no question of robbing Peter to pay Paul.

"Those of us who are anxious about the present reductions in infantry battalions may well be wrong, but as there are many far more knowledgeable than me who appear to feel like this, I hope Mr King will be ready, at least, to accept that we may be proved right." Whatever cynics might say,

many of those connected with the Scottish regiments, at all levels, felt betrayed and dis-illusioned. "If, therefore, in the years immediately ahead there is a good reason to change some of these plans, I do hope it will be taken - for the future of the army will be much improved if the regi-mental spirit can be fully maintained."

Lord Bramall, former chief of defence staff, said that the final screws on defence cuts were being attributed by the services to Treasury pressure which defence ministers and senior officers had been unable to resist. He said that if ministers continued to deny that, he could easily show that

Opening the debate, the Earl of Arran, a junior defence minister, said that the decisions the government had contribution to Nato had been the principal factor leading to decisions about the most

appropriate size of the army for the Nineties. In a maiden speech, Lord



UN disaster relief force

bomber ace, said that they should move towards the day when there was a UN disaster

relief force or capability. In a maiden speech, the Duke of Westminster, said that the TA needed proper and training and facilities re-

Lord Carver, former chief of the defence staff, said that the government proposals were a sensible plan for the next five years. "It is an interim plan to cover a period of profound changes in Europe. Until we can see where these changes are leading us, it is right for the government to be cautious.

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Timeshare action promised

that the European Commission will publish a directive on timeshare schemes before Christ-. mas, Edward Leigh, consumer affairs minister, said at question time. When time permits, the Trade Descriptions Act will be amended to bring timeshare promotions within its ambit, he said.

He rejected allegations from Labour that the government had been slow

Car exports

Car exports in the first eight months of the year exceeded 400,000, an increase of 82 per cent on the corresponding period last year, Tim Sainsbury, trade minister, said in a written renty

Bill-defeated

A bill to disqualify MPs who are sent to prison for deliberately breaking the law was defeated in the Commons by 104 votes to 91 after being opposed by Dave Nellist, Labour MP for Coventry South East.

New peer

Marshal of the RAF Sir David Craig was introduced in the House of Lords as Lord Craig of Radley just before the annual debate on the defence estimates. He is the fetired chief of the defence staff.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Questions: Treasury; prime min ister. Debate on public accounts committee reports Lords (3): Debate on the common agricultural policy.

Pay inequality 'costing women £21bn a year'

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

WOMEN are losing £21 billion each year because of pay inequality between the sexes, the Labour party said

In an analysis based on government figures, Labour said that a female manual worker's average gross weekly earnings represented 62.9 per cent of those of a similar male worker.

Women from all over the country lobbied Parliament yesterday to protest about the gap between pay for men and for women. Labour said that in government it would introduce a new sex equality act, which would strengthen women's rights to claim equal pay for work of equal value and would allow women working in sex-segregated industries to claim equal pay.

Using data from the employment department's New Earnings Survey, which is now being published for 1991, a report commissioned by Labour from the Low Pay Unit pressure group showed that in a total wages bill of £279.24 billion, men earn £102.2 billion a year more

due to the fact that men work longer hours. The

other £42.44 billion was directly due to discrimination in areas such as shift payments and job gradings. The report said that if the labour market treated men and women equally, that

amount would be shared between them, producing a total cost from sex bias of £21.22 billion.

Labour also showed that young women start being paid roughly the same as men, but that as they get older they enter a downward spiral in relation to men's earnings until they reach about 50.

Social fund in crisis, insists Meacher

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE fund intended to alleviate acute financial hardship among the poor is collapsing under the weight of spiralling claims triggered by the recession, Labour claimed yesterday from

Michael Meacher, the Opposition's social security spokesman, said that applications to the social fund had shot up this year, more people were being refused help and loan defaults were

"The social fund is collapsing under the weight of growing poverty caused by the recession and Tory policies", he said. "It is not

meeting needs. Applicatwo million.

Since 1988, because of cash limits, the number of claimants refused loans to which they are fully entitled has more than doubled. The number refused because they have not the resources to repay a loan has also doubled."

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than women. Of that, Labour's report said that £59.76 billion was

tions for loans are running at an annual rate of nearly

Speaking on the eve of today's Lords debate on the social fund, Mr Meacher said that lack of money was increasingly being cited by officials at benefit offices as a reason for refusing apSpike threat J-1-1 4.674 A . 11128 8 * = **(4)** : 1841

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action

SENATOR Robert Graham of Florida thought earlier this year that he might face a Republican challenge next year from General Norman Schwarzkopf, hero of Operation Desert Storm in the Gulf. That threat has temporarily faded, but Senator Graham, a member of the family which owns The Washington Post, was not taking any chances with the votes of the women's groups who are financially and politically so strong in the

sunshine state. ber!" he cast his vote on now were a more reliable Tuesday against confirming currency than black votes Clarence Thomas as a Su-which could be bought later. preme Court judge. So, too, did Senator Christopher Dodd of Connecticut, who faces a tough election next year. Three other democrats who had earlier been in favour also voted against, with Nevada blacks which overcame Robbeing an especially happy ert Bork when he sought hunting ground for the liberal confirmation to the Supreme lobbyists. Senator Harry Reid, who faces the electorate next year and Richard Bryan both changed their minds. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut, whose re-election campaign is not until 1994, also switched strategy yet for pressing home forgotten. to vote against Mr Thomas.



Nunn: long-term decision

Vulnerable men on Capitol Hill have opted to play safe with the voters, writes Peter Stothard from Washington

cost of Thomas case

All of them decided that money and support from liberal pressure groups was worth more than the support of black voters who favoured the Thomas nomination. Or, As feminist lobbies shouted to put it another way, they "We'll remember in Novem- reasoned that votes assured

> As the senators of Washington survey the impact of those who actively worked to the past few days on their attack Professor Hill. Femi-political futures, certainty is nist groups have vowed to still hard to find. The alliance of liberalism, women and Court four years ago, has been shattered. But the position of the pieces is still unclear. The Democrats have the biggest mess to clear up, but the Republicans have no clear worried, for the affair to be their advantage.

Eleven Democrats broke with their liberal party line to that of rallying their forces and support Mr Thomas. John Breaux of Louisiana, Richard Fowler of Georgia and Ernest the Senate, never seriously Hollings of South Carolina all organised the campaign ag-depend on black votes and all ainst Mr Thomas despite his face elections next year. For sincere support of abortion them the choice between rights which a conservative hiberal activists and the court is likely to overturn. He solidifying black support for will have some difficulty important swing from Mr allegations of sexual harass- ual and racial politics and sat ment the choice was likely to so feebly on the fence. have been the same.

A more dangerous decision have to ask themselve how - in favour of the nominee - determined they really are to was made by Charles Robb of press home their advantage. Virginia who, after his own Their chief problem is availpersonal experience of facing ability of serious, well-finallegations of sexual miscon- anced candidates to take on duct, expressed solidarity with vulnerable Democrats in the Mr Thomas. An easier vote Senate.

Senators tally electoral Democrat rebels hold sway

From Susan Ellicott IN WASHINGTON

for him would have been to

stick with the liberal majority.

Senators David Boren of

The Republicans who op-

Neither is likely to suffer.

publicans yesterday were

topple Senator Arlen Specter

of Pennsylvania, who led the

interrogation in the judiciary

committee and faces an elec-

tion campaign next year that was already close before the Thomas affair began, Senators

Orrin Hatch of Utah and Al

Simpson of Wyoming have time, if they were at all

The Democrats face the

problem of any defeated army.

explaining why they lost. Sen-

ator George Mitchell of

Maine, the majority leader in

The Republicans, however,

Oklahoma, Bennett Johnston THE 52-48 Senate vote on of Louisiana, Dennis De-Judge Clarence Thomas's Concini of Arizona, J.J. Exon nomination to the Supreme of Nebraska, Alan Dixon of Court fell into two clear partisan blocks, with all but two of the Republicans voting Illinois and Sam Nunn of Georgia took long-term decisions that a vote for Mr for his confirmation and all Thomas was safer than a vote but 11 of its Democrats decid-

ing against.
The bulk of the cross-over posed the nominee, Robert vote came from conservative Packwood of Oregon and James Jeffords of Vermont, did so on personal ideological Democrats in southern states, where white politicians were especially vulnerable among grounds. Both had decided large black populations to Mr before the Hill allegations. Thomas's charges of racism. "I think it was blatant intimi-The most threatened Redation," said Robert Byrd, a veteran Democrat senator from West Virginia. "And I'm

sorry to say I think it worked." The votes of members re-flected the leanings of public opinion polls in their home areas. Among the dissident Democrats were John Breaux and Bennett Johnston of Louisiana. Wyche Fowler and Sam Nunn of Georgia, Ernest Hollings of South Carolina, Charles Robb of Virginia, Richard Shelby of Alabama, Dennis DeConcini of Arizona, James Exon of Nebraska, David Boren of Oklahoma and Alan Dixon of Illinois. Rejecting party loyalty were Republicans Bob Packwood of Oregon and James Jeffords of

The White House lost three of 13 Democratic votes expected in Mr Thomas's favour before the sexual harassment important swing from Mr Mr Thomas was tough, but explaining why he looked at Robb, whose own reputation even before Anita Hill's the twisted landscape of sex-

Vermont, who both represent

liberal-minded constituents.

unlucky winner of the worst dressed women awards bestowed by "Mr Blackwell's Worst: 30 Years of Fask-ion Fiascos," a book that inducts 10 celebrities into a dubious hall of fame. Roseanne Arnold came second in fashion gadily Blackwell's list and the Queen came fourth. Blackwell, whose real name is Richard Sylvan Selzer, releases scathing wardrobe reviews every year. The 10 ladies in

ments, are: 1. Cher: "From toes to nose, she's the tacky tatoo'd terror of the 20th century. A Bono-fide fashion fiasco of the legendary kind." 2. Roseanne Arnold: "Barr the jokes - Ramblin' Rosey looks like an overthe-hill bowling ball in search of an alley." 3. Elizabeth Taylor: "The Cleopatra of Camp in schizophrenic fashions Taylor-made for the Titanic. Today she looks great as Mrs.

years she's been a reject from Minsky's."4. The Queen: "God may save the queen — but that prehistoric wardrobe is fit for the Tower." 5. Barbara Streisand: "This schmaltzy Secondhand Rose is simply an evergreen atrocity." 6. Shelley Winters; 7. Dolly Parton; 8. Mia Farrow; 9. Madonna and Jayne Mansfield (tie); 10. Sinead O'Connor. (AP)



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Intruder shot dead on Israel border

dead when he tried to infiltrate Israel from Jordan, military sources said. An Israeli patrol spotted the man near the border at around midnight on Tuesday and Israeli and

It was not immediately clear who killed him. The body was discovered in no man's land on the western bank of the Yarmuk river. (Reuter)

Oil strike threat

Algiers - Five unions representing thousands of workers in Hassi Messaoud, Algeria's biggest oil field, have threatened to go on strike on Tuesday over variations in pay and allowances. An oilfield source said that production should not be affected. (Reuter)

New York - Javier Pèrez de Cuéllar, the United Nations

secretary-general, dismissed a claim by Iraq that Israeli planes which overflew its territory used UN helicopter flights as cover. "It is totally false and unjustified," Señor Pérez de Cuéllar said of the allegation. (Reuter)

Security talks

Nicosia - Military chiefs of staff of the six-member Gulf Co-operation Council will meet in Oman on Monday to discuss forming a joint security force. (Reuter)

Baker mission keeps on course

AND RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

the end of this month. ing for Jerusalem, "We are promise solution is in the still on course to hold a peace conference in the month of October." In Washington, it was confirmed that President Bush and President Gorbachev may, as co-hosts, personally attend the ceremo-

Mr Baker, who was greeted in Jerusalem by scores of UN flight denial angry Jewish settlers demonstrating against his mission. was expected to conclude outstanding details with Israeli and Palestinian leaders in two days of talks. He would then finalise the invitations for the conference when he meets Boris Pankin, his Soviet counterpart, due in Jerusalem today. "If everything is worked out, we would expect

> official. Yesterday Mr Baker, in talks with Faisal Husseini and Hanan Ashrawi, the Palestinian leaders, was attempting to

gates were under considpromised Israel that no memhis goal of convening the first bers of the Palestine Liberafull scale Arab-Israeli peace tion Organisation and no residents of Arab east Jeru-

> works," said one informed Palestinian. He confirmed that two Palestinian delegations would travel to the conference. One, whose members are acceptable to Israel. will sit in a joint delegation with Jordan at the negotiating table, while the other team, outside the conference room, will instruct them. The compromise, which Israeli officials have not objected to, was expected to be debated in Tunis by the PLO's central council, which is due to give

> ment plus 15 years for ordering killings of Palestinians. He was originally charged with killing two Israeli soldiers, but

From Christopher Walker in Cairo

AFTER a marathon round of ian representation. Palestintalks in Damascus with Presi- ian sources in Jerusalem said dent Assad, James Baker, the that up to 20 possible dele-State, yesterday arrived in eration by Mr Baker, who has

United States Secretary of Israel having moved closer to conference in Switzerland at Mr Baker said before leav-

nial opening of the conference provisionally scheduled for October 29.

invitations to be issued early next week," said one Israeli

salem will be represented. "It seems that a com-

its response today. Because of the security risk Palestinians in the occupied territories have been barred from entering Jerusalem until Friday. An Israeli military Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, the founder of Hamas, an Islamic group opposed to American peace efforts, to life imprison-

Peace shuttler faces acid test

By Christopher Walker

James Baker's party at Cairo's loyalty of his staff plus strong Semiramis Hotel this week backing from President Bush. were bottles of the stomach medicine, Pepto-Bismol - a reminder in lurid pink of the physical as well as political problems that have dogged the American Secretary of State's struggle to convene a Middle East peace conference.

The difficulties were again in evidence in Damascus when talks with President Assad on Tuesday night involving yet another change flying jacket with his name up the obvious role the Pal-in Mr Baker's programme and embroidered on the front. estine Liberation Organisdelaying his arrival in Israel.

Through it all Mr Baker, dapper in well cut suits, has maintained his puckish sense of humour. When forced to pass through the whole press have travelled with him say corps on his way to President that the feelings are justified. Mubarak's bathroom on Monearthy double-entendres he angered him, particularly their of these are fulfilled."

ON SALE at the shop for had to endure. He has the habit of matching his trips "That, plus a growing belief porter said. "But the Palestin-that the Nobel peace prize ians have also infuriated him may be within his grasp is by their refusal to speak what keeps him going," ex-plained one member of the on withholding agreement

he is ayuncular in private and genuinely concerned with the Mr Baker's past "recalls the problems such a hectic style of board game where the trick is diplomacy imposes, including to tilt one ball into a hole dragged on for nearly nine illnesses and strains on fam- without tipping another ball hours. They resumed for more ilies. On his plane, the suit out". In recent days, he has than five hours yesterday, comes off and he relaxes in a consistently avoided playing

> Mr Baker has long been regarded with greater suspicion by the Israelis than previous secretaries of state. American journalists who

"There is no doubt the day he answered in kind to the attitude of the Israelis has what will happen next if none

with the establishment of new settlements," one senior re-State Department press team. about attending any con-Although Mr Baker's public ference until the 59th minute image is cold, his advisers say of the 11th hour."

The Washington Post said ation has been playing behind the scenes

"Whatever happens over the next 48 hours, he has raised expectations in the Arab world by his persistence and attitude", one Arab diplomat said. "I hesitate to think

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Paris and Bonn push for EC superpower role

FRANCE and Germany yes-terday unveiled their most ambitiously detailed scheme to turn the European Community into a political and military superpower during the 1990s, including a suggestion that the EC should represent national governments in dealings with the Soviet Union and America.

The proposals from Presi-Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, were laid out in a letter and draft treaty clauses sent to the Dutch government which is trying to finalise the EC's political and monetary union treaty before the Maastricht summit in eight weeks' time. The two leaders say Europe must take decisions to alter the EC's structure to show that its members "want to take greater responsibilities in the fields of security and defence". Among the recommendations, covering foreign and defence policy, are that: ☐ Fields for "joint action" in foreign policy would include relations with the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe and America. France and Germany say that "joint action" would be binding on national governments and should sometimes be decided by

☐ The EC would commit itself to a defence policy. To achieve this the community would absorb the nine-nation Western European Union, which would move from Paris tary planning staff, The symbolic Franco-Ger- Baker, the American Secretary

France and Germany see the community as a global political and military force in the 1990s, George Brock writes from Brussels

man joint army brigade would be expanded, to perhaps dent Mitterrand of France and 50,000 men, to form the "nucleus" of an independent European desence sorce;

☐ Although new EC arrangements would be "transparent and complementary" with Nato defence policy, EC defence could operate in the same areas as the existing Atlantic alliance. The EC state caucus inside Nato, which has 16 members.

The proposals leave many important practical details poorly defined. But this toughly worded treaty text released so close to the EC's summit is a direct political challenge to Britain, Italy and The Netherlands, whose ministers have emphasised at this year's treaty talks that EC defence can only be developed alongside Nato and should not encourage America to take its troops out of Europe.

German spokesmen yesterday played down any pos-sible conflict with Bonn's existing commitments to Nato, recently reaffirmed by Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the to Brussels and create a mili- German foreign minister, in a joint communiqué with James

man, said EC defence is a "long-term prospect". He said the scheme corresponded to the ideas of the American

A spokesman for President

Mitterrand said foreign and defence policy should be the "hard core" of a new EC political union treaty. He said: "If we had not judged it as such, the chancellor and the resident would not have bothered to take up their pens." France, not a full member of Nato, faces great difficulties in persuading its EC partners to loosen their links with America in the alliance. But its negotiators would therefore have the are more confident that they means to form a powerful 12- can isolate Britain on the issue of majority voting in foreign

> Europe will hear President Bush's reaction to the plans at a Nato summit next month. America has always encouraged greater European defence integration in theory but always reacted warily to any proposal which might exclude US policymakers from Euro-

pean decision-making.

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, at the Commonwealth summit in Harare, called any idea of overlapping with Nato "useless and dangerous". British officials treat the suggestion that the EC can ments in their dealings with the Soviet Union and America as ludicrous.



Evasive action: European Community observers running for cover yesterday with Croat troops and medical staff as Serb forces opened fire on Nustar. The village in eastern Croatia is on the frontline of the conflict in the breakaway Yugoslav republic

Nato to drop nuclear pledge

From Michael Evans, defence correspondent, in taormina, sicily

expected for the first time to artillery shells from Europe. alliance nuclear weapons up to bombs will be left and they today. Their silence on this present political climate. basic tenet of Nato nuclear

NATO defence ministers are missiles and nuclear-tipped the communiqué issued after drop the usual pledge to keep Only air-launched, freefall Group meeting. date when they meet in Sicily cannot be modernised in the it will not be possible, or

strategy shows how much has a Nato tactical air-to-surface Britain and France, whose changed in just three weeks. missile to replace the gravity defence minister does not After President Bush's an- bomb is so sensitive that have a seat at the meeting, are nouncement of nuclear weap- ministers will be reluctant to now the odd ones out in the ons cuts on September 27, the broach it. American sources nuclear debate. Britain is, alliance is already committed said it would be discussed, but however, committed to buy-Leading article, page 19 to withdrawing unilaterally all no reference to replacing ing a tactical nuclear missile the short-range Lance tactical freefall bombs is expected in for RAF Tornados.

the two-day Nuclear Planning British officials accept that

The question of developing tactical missile at this stage.

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Latest Yugoslav ceasefire seems doomed to fail

From Mary Dejevsky in moscow AND ANNE MCELVOY IN ZAGREB

through the mediation of day evening, seemed certain to collapse even before the leaders of the two republics left Moscow yesterday. Franjo Tudjman, the Cro-

atian president, cancelled a scheduled press conference, allowing Slobodan Milosevic, his Serbian counterpart, to claim at his own press conference that this showed which of the republics was afraid to present its case. Mr Milosevic appeared confident and optimistic, but he offered no new insights or solutions.

Serbia, he said, had always advocated a peaceful solution and had not changed its view. He denied that there was any conflict between Serbia and Croatia as such, rather a conflict "between the Croatian authorities and the Ser-

bian people living in Croatia". The Serbian president was positive about his meeting with Mr Gorbachev. He described the Soviet president as "understanding the situation much better than others"! but did not identify them. He appeared, however, to be referring to the European Community negotiators. He was still more enthusiastic about his talks with Boris Yeltsin, the president of the Russian Federation. These dealt not only with the Yugoslav conflict, but also with future political and economic relations between Serbia and Russia. He said he had invited

his invitation had been Dr Tudjman left Moscow without explaining why he had decided not to talk to the voured an immediate cessation of hostilities, it pledged

THE latest ceasefire agree- tions on all issues of contenment between Serbia and tion within a month, and it Croatia, concluded this time asked the Soviet Union, the United States and the EC to President Gorbachev on Tues- help organise and oversee the

Despite the Moscow agreement, fighting continued at flashpoints throughout Croatia yesterday. The besieged town of Vukovar came under fierce mortar and artillery fire with one death and several injuries reported. Hopes of the



Milosevic: Croatia "too

scared" to present case EC aid convoy reaching the

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city are fading. At Otocac, three guardsmen were reported killed in an artillery attack. The town of Slunj, 30 miles south of Karlovac, is reported to be cut off and running short of food and medical supples as a result of a large influx of refugees from nearby Titova Korenica. ● Sarajevo: Alija Izetbegovic, Mr Yeltsin to visit Serbia and the president of Bosnia-Herzegovina, said yesterday that he detected signs of optimism for the future despite the apparent failure of the latest ceasefire

(Tim Judah writes).
"This simultaneously talkpress. The joint communique "This simultaneously talkthat he signed with Mr
Milosevic the previous evening said both leaders fathe Moscow agreement is an example of a positive sign and I now expect that the fighting that delegations from the two will begin to decline in favour republics would open negotia- of talks."

Meat van bears grim testimony to conflict

By ANNE MCELVOY

AT FIRST, looking into the refrigerated van in Karl-ovac, it is difficult to recognise the contents as bodies at all: a jumble of limbs, socks, intestines, blackened skin, a yellow stump of leg.

Putrefaction is everywhere. Looking at the scene for more than a few seconds is intolerable, but those few seconds are enough to etch it in the memory for ever. In the van, which pre-

viously did service as a Yugoslav meat transporter, lie four of the 18 corpses delivered to the Karlovac mortuary from the frontline Croatian villages of Vukmanic and Turanj on the other side of the Kupa river, just a mile away. The dead, the Croats say, are victims of a massacre by bands of Serb irregulars.

Mira Lucijanic, the chief pathologist, said that four of the dead had been killed by heavy blows - except that they were killed violently, she cannot say how the others died. Their bodies had been left uncollected so long that their wounds have been all but obliterated by

scavenging animals. The civil war in Yugoslavia is no sanitised, impersonal, modern affair, it is atavistic, hand-to-hand conflict in which not even the basic, humane courtesy of swift burial is observed.

To reach this charnel scene, it is not necessary to travel to the bloody, remote slaughter fields of eastern Croatia. Karlovac is 30 minutes' drive south of Zagreb, the capital. The war no longer needs to be looked for, it is moving closer of its own volition. Of the nine graveyards in Karlovac, only four can be used for funerals. The others are targeted by snipers.

"We have identified an entire family," Dr Lucijanic said. "The grandmother is holding a child's clothes, but there is no sign of the child." She has examined 40 corpses brought from the surrounding areas in the past month. "I have to be absolutely professional about this job. It is what I was trained for, but I never thought that I would have to look on war crimes. If I thought about what was happening out there, I could not do it. I must stop my emotions. What good do they do me or these dead people?" But, as she led the way to the mortnery, she "Sometimes, I

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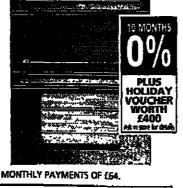
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Glory gives way to gloom as Boris reaches 100 days

FRIENDS and colleagues of Boris Yeltsin, president of the Russian Federation, have organised a charity reception in the Kremlin this evening to mark his first 100 days in the democratically elected post. But the reception is unlikely to lift the cloud of pessimism that has recently descended on the Russian democratic camp.

Although he is still loved and trusted by the Russian public, Mr Yeltsin has been unable to capitalise on the popularity he won when he led the resistance against the August coup which attempted to topple President Gorbachev. His administration is riven with conflicts of personality and principle. Many of his policies lack definition and, where they have been defined, he has been either unable to execute them or has laid himself open to charges of running a dictatorship.

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Whatever the justice of these charges, the Yeltsin camp's public relations effort has been a disaster, a fact recognised even by his staunchest supporters. On Tuesday night, Russian tele-vision, often regarded as a Yeltsin mouthpiece, began its main evening news with a gloomy survey of the Russian administration which argued that his government and the Russian Federation

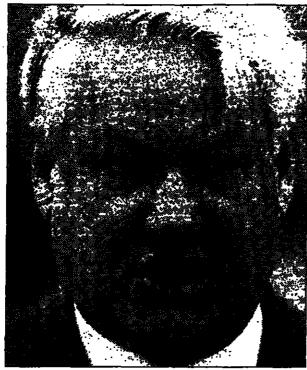
was falling to pieces. Russian officials and Mr Yeltsin himself have tried hard since the beginning of the week to counter the impression of drift in his administration. He has met the Japanese foreign min-ister and the Serbian and Croat leaders. He talked to reporters after a meeting of his state council on Tuesday and outlined a series of steps he intended taking in the

Boris Yeltsin, plagued by conflicts in his government and Russia, is looking less and less likely to stay long in office, Mary Dejevsky writes from Moscow

coming days. These included the appointment of a prime minister to replace Ivan Silayev, who moved permanently last month to the interim body overseeing the central Soviet economy, a plan for Russia to take over most of the Soviet Union's gold and precious metal reserves, the closure of bank accounts of all central min-

remaining conservatives. He also hinted at the possible introduction of a separate Russian currency.

By yesterday, however, all these proposals were still no more than pie in the sky. Two other measures that Mr Yeltsin could have taken to improve his position also appear to have been delayed. Local elections that would have strengthened the control of Yeltsin supporters in



Yeltsin: unable to capitalise on the popularity he gained in leading resistance to the August coup

that, in the present economic itical campaign is too much of a luxury. Consideration of the new Russian constitution also appears to have been shelved for at least the third time in a year.

Mr Yeltsin is left trying to

govern an increasingly un-governable republic with only the old constitutional mechanisms. These include a bung parliament, elected more than a year ago, and ministers who are either illequipped to take the wider responsibilities that have fallen to them since the coup or politically disinclined to implement the deregulatory reforms Mr Yeltsin wants.

the lines of administrative responsibility, which in-cluded the appointment of provincial governors accountable to him, have led to talk of dictatorship. The governors, many of whom were elected regional leaders, anyway, cannot be subjected to popular election, as Mr Yeltsin says he intends, until the new constitution, or at least new laws, are in place. in its present composition is unlikely to approve such

In areas of the federation populated mainly by non-Russians, he faces growing hostility from local leaders and populations worried about the growth of a strong Russia. Having seen the flagwaving and euphoria after the successful defence of the Russian parliament in August, non-Russians are trying to ensure that the Soviet yoke is not replaced by a Russian one. After the first 100 days, Mr Yeltsin's chances of a long stay currently look slim.



From Anatole Kaletsky in Bangkok

try to persuade them to agree a Soviet Union. He also prenew economic constitution. A dicted that the entire country campaign to settle the future would then descend into chaos emerged yesterday as the main spring. outcome of the negotiations between the Group of Seven explicit about the West's role and Soviet government representatives held in Bangkok

It also became clear that a key objective of the unprecedented mission by the G7



Yavlinsky: fears violence by spring in Soviet Union

countries to Moscow this month would be to tell the republics' leaders that they must reach an economic agreement as soon as possible. The new relationship between the G7 and the Soviet Union was emphasised by Grigori Yavlinsky, the Soviet Union's chief economic official, Norman Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Nicholas Brady, the American treasury secretary,

Against the background of mounting exasperation about the constitutional chaos in the Soviet Union, all three said that future relations with the West, as well as economic progress within the Soviet republics, would depend on a clear settlement of their present constitutional dispute. Many G7 leaders and officials in Bangkok privately expressed alarm and frustration about the way that the republics appeared to be reneging on the economic treaty which their representatives initialled only last week.

annual meeting in Bangkok.

The meeting in about two weeks' time in Moscow between the G7 and the highest Soviet officials and the highest officials of the republics will be a really historical event," said Mr Yavlinsky. "It will joint strategy with the co-operation of the G7 on constitutional agreement and on the economic way forward."

allow the preparation of a and forced mergers through-

in a constitutional settlement for the Soviet Union, "Cooperation between the West, the Soviet Union and the republics cannot happen untion of powers," he told a press conference shortly before delivering a closely argued and unusually passionate speech on the transformation to capitalism in the Soviet Union, which he described as the most important economic and political development of

"If comprehensive reforms demonstrated, we will stand itively." But the chancellor declared.

THE leading Western nations the republics failed to agree on also said that comprehensive plan to exert strong dip- an economic constitution reform and large-scale aid lomatic and economic pres- there could be no hope for from the West would be sure on the Soviet republics to early market reforms in the impossible as long as the Soviet Union remained in a constitutional and legal limbo. The West would not try to shape of the Soviet Union and possible violence by next dictate the terms of a new union treaty, but it would Mr Lamont was equally press for a decision between union and fragmentation to be clearly made.

"It is most important that a treaty should be signed. It is less important exactly what is in the treaty. Even if the less there is a settled distribu- Soviet Union fragments, it has got to be clear that it is fragmenting," he said. Mr Lamont's words amplified similar remarks made by Mr Brady, who said this week that long-term financial support for the Soviet Union would be linked to the signing and ratification of an economic

Jacques Attali, the president are enacted and the need for of the European Bank for additional finance is clearly Reconstruction and Development, was even more ready to help," Mr Lamont explicit. "We have to organise We will not be forgiven the Soviet republics into an if we do not respond pos- economic agreement," he

Oslo launches bank collapse enquiry

NORWAY'S financial comyesterday after the collapse of Norwegian banking system is Kreditkassen, the country's second largest bank. The government has announced an in their addresses to the official enquiry into the affairs International Monetary Fund of the bank and the conduct of tion with corrupt building Kredittilsynet, the Norwegian schemes perpetrated by musecurities and exchange system, and criminal charges have not been ruled out. Monday's announcement

that the government had taken bank's recent losses. over the bank in order to protect deposits, but that holders stand to lose about shares in the bank were now worthless, drove that morning's Nobel peace prize off the front pages here for perhaps the first time in the award's 90-year history. On Tuesday, depositors withdrew more than 400 million kroner (£35 million) in spite of government assurances amid scenes of pandemonium that saw some branch offices running out of cash.

The collapse of Kreditkassen is by far the worst incident in more than five years of mounting losses on lending and guarantees, bankruptcies, sector. Losses in that sector totalled more than 40 billion kroner by the end of last year, Mr Yavlinsky added that if this year's figures are now

certain to be appalling reinmunity was licking its wounds forcing fears that the entire

Kreditkassen's solvency vanished into a series of fiscal black holes, many in connecnicipal councils. Seven loans, most to highly respected firms in the Oslo area, accounted for one billion knoner of the

The bank's 37,000 sharetwo billion kroner. Among the 20 largest shareholders are the Clydesdale Bank, the Royal Bank of Scotland and Midland Bank; but the British investors had been among the heaviest net sellers of shares in recent months.

Economists yesterday seemed to agree that the state had no choice but to keep the bank afloat, at a cost already approaching 10 billion kroner, in order to prevent the whole Norwegian banking system collapsing. Some experts predicted that, whatever the government did, the Kreditkassen collapse was just the beginning out the Norwegian banking of what could be the worst banking crisis in Europe since the second world war, and that it would have far-reaching

Armenia goes to the polls

yesterday in the southern Soviet republic's first presidential election, which is dominated by three issues independence from Moscow, economic survival and a bloody territorial dispute with Early voting was brisk in the

capital, Yerevan, 1,100 miles south of Moscow, where polling stations flew the republic's red, blue and orange flag and a public holiday was declared. "Armenia is firmly resolved to win full political independence," Levon Ter-Petrosyan, the Armenian leader for the past year and favourite for the presidency, said as he voted. He added that, while Arme-

nia would forge economic links with other Soviet republics, it would not sign President Gorbachev's proposed treaty on political union. Mr Ter-Petrosyan faced five opponents in the ballot. (Reuter)

Tirana crowds burn portraits

Tirana - Albanian demonstrators burned portraits of dictator, Enver Hoxha, in a huge anti-communist protest in Tirana. Organisers showed film footage of the fall of the Berlin Wall and protesters danced to rock music. "We gathered to condemn dictatorship but we've also got to deal with Ramiz Alia," said Blendi Gonxhe, a student leader. In the ports of Vlore and

Durrés police and soldiers scuffled earlier with thousands of people attempting to fiee the country. Sources said the crowds regrouped. (Reuter)

Cabinet named Bucharest - Teodor Stolojan,

the Romanian prime minister-designate, unveiled a coalition government dominated by independents and giving the opposition Liberals and two small parties their first share of power for half a century. The National Salvation Front, whose leader Petre Roman was ousted as prime minister in riots last month, retained six portfolios in the 21-member cabinet. (Reuter)

Dachas lost

Moscow - Nikolai Trubin, the Soviet prosecutor-general, ordered former top government officials, including three deputy prime ministers, to hand over illegally obtained huxury dachas. Lev Voronin, Aleksandra Biryukova and Igor Belousov were deputies to the former Soviet prime ministers Nikolai Ryzhkov, now retired, and Valentin Paviov, under arrest for his role in the failed August coup. (Reuter)



Commonwealth given blunt warning on need for democracy

Rights top the Major agenda

government" in the Commonwealth by telling the opening divisions remain on sanc-meeting of 43 leaders that tions against South Africa, but lead to economic collapse.

in Harare, said that some non-racial democracy. Commonwealth nations had not practised the principles the organisation was pledged to uphold. He urged them to catch the tide of democracy sweeping the world.

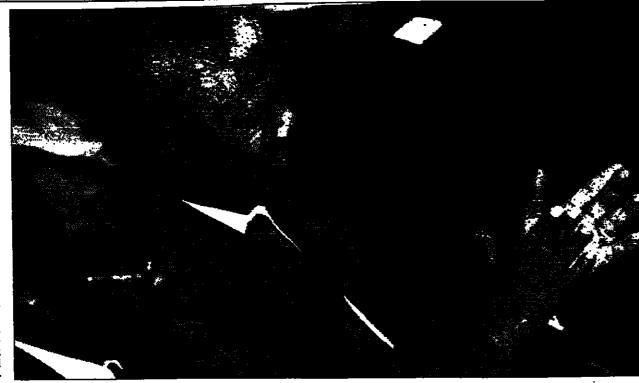
Communism, he said, had been discredited and was being discarded. Government by centrally controlled ideology was unfair, inefficient and ing that there must be tolinsisted "that means the rights political and social life." of our citizens to choose freely

JOHN Major yesterday in-tensifed his drive for "good scale, far more amiable than

stifling human rights would only on the timing of their removal. There is much more Mr Major, speaking at a talk of helping South Africa colourful opening ceremony through the transition to a

Mr Major's crisp speech was warmly applauded, and then accompanied by calls from President Mugabe of Zimbabwe, the conference host, and Chief Emeka Anyaoku, the Commonwealth secretarygeneral, for efforts to boost democracy. Mr Mugabe said there was no "credible" alternative to dialogue in South ultimately unacceptable Add- Africa, promising: "We stand ready to assist the South erance of free debate and Africans to create a peaceful genuine democracy, Mr Major climate conducive to normal

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ourselves, individually and the approaching end of apart- respect of the principles of emphasised that the standards collectively, betray our own heid and paid tribute to the democracy, human rights and of democracy to be met were CONFERENCE NOTEBOOK by Jan Rasth

Press gang left high and dry

Television coverage of the opening of the Commonwealth summit gave the impression that everything ran like clock-work; for journalists in the press centre adjoining the Harare international conference centre, it was pandemonium.

The indifferent quality of the television monitors meant that it was impossible to take notes on the speeches, and each arrival of an invariably late text triggered a scrum. The hungry had to go without, because no one bothered to supply any food. Expectations for refreshment were not high in the first place, after Tuesday's offering by the women's league of the ruling Zanu (PF) party, of rubbery boiled eggs and elderly potato crisps.
Solace in the bottle was

out of the question. The press centre's bar was closed, and anyway it stocked only imported Scotch and a local orange cordial, but no glasses. It is open only at night when it is commandeered by Lieuten-ant-General Solomon Mujuru, the commander of the Zimbabwe national

A guard came near to sabotaging the conference when he went off duty without telling anyone and with the key to the locked entrance which is reserved for heavy vehicles. The queue that waited for an hour outside while a spare key was sought included a technician called in to repair a breakdown of the air conditioning system and a van with cans of diesel for the generator powering Zimbabwe television's mobile broadcast unit.

One incident was described as the fall of a dictator. The Malawian leader, whose full title is Mkango We Malawi (the lion of Malawi) and destroyer of the federation, His Excellency the Life President Dr Hastings Kamuzu Banda, alighted from his limousine at the

missed a down step on the red carpet and plunged forward, hitting the red plush hard.

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He was helped up by President Moi of Kenya, but quickly shook off the supporting arm, and made a point of strutting off unaided. There was no disguising the fact that his nonagenarian frame had taken a knock, and it was obvious that he was mounting the steps on the way out with difficulty after the

opening ceremony. President Kaunda of Zambia, who faces an election in a fortnight in which the results are not at all as predictable as they have been since independence in 1964 and whose son was sentenced to death for murder on Monday, was much less of the flamboyant

Ignore it... journalist

figure he has been at premits. Through most of the speeches, his head was bowed, his eyes closed and he fidgeted furiously with his white handkerchief, his talisman which some believe has mystical powers. He also appeared to be speaking to himself. Zambia watchers say he has come to Harare to bid farewell to the body of which he has been a

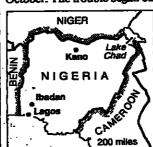
leading figure for so long. One who is keeping a very low profile is Bob Hawke, the Australian prime minister. The only quote of his circulating at the conference is the "... it" he was observed to mutter after putting at the Royal Harare golf club.

Nigerian riots cut short talks

Lagos — President Babangida of Nigeria cut short his visit to the Commonwealth heads of government meeting in Hargovernment meeting in riar-are last night to fly home and deal with worsening religious riots (Elizabeth Obadina

Police and army units yesterday patrolled the streets of Kano, in the north, in an effort to contain two days of violence by Muslims and Christians which have left at least eight dead, scores of wounded and thousands of Christian refugees sheltering in police and army barracks.

The rioters appear to be mainly youths, many children under ten years of age, who have been on holiday since mid-August and are not due back at school until late October. The trouble began on



Monday at a peaceful march by Muslims protesting that the German evangelist, Pastor Reinhard Bonnke, was being allowed to preach at a gospel crusade designed to attract thousands, whereas foreign Muslim preachers had been denied entry to Nigeria.

Fines imposed

Johannesburg - Three leading black trade unionists convicted of kidnapping and assaulting a security policeman were fined and given suspended prison terms by a Johannesburg magistrate. The state had called for them to be sent to prison but the magistrate said that special circumstances prevailed in the case. An appeal against conviction is planned.

Massacre case

Pietermaritzburg - Four of seven policemen, all of whom have denied murder charges, admitted they took part in an attack on a funeral wake in which il people were gunned down nearly three years ago. The four, black auxiliary constables, claimed they were acting under the orders of Captain Brian Mitchell, who is one of the accused. (AFP)

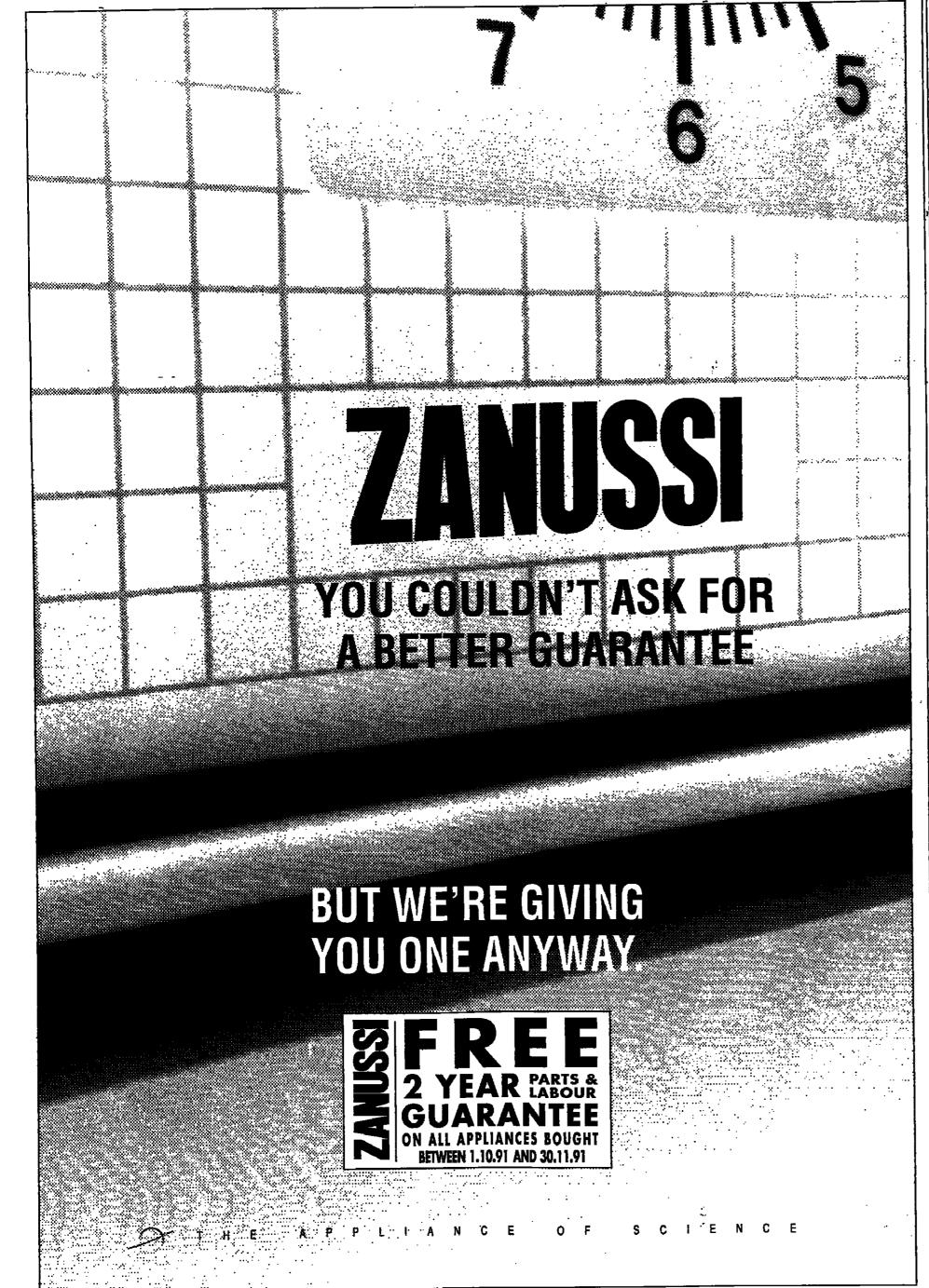
Britain urges progress on 'green' meeting

that preparatory work for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janiero next summer has run into the sands (Robin Oakley writes). John Major is urging Commonwealth leaders who share his concern to use the boost to the process by outlinagreements which might be signed there.

Mr Major said in Harare yesterday that framework conventions on climatic change and related issues were

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Hanoi delays boat people agreement

VIETNAM last night delayed in the House of Commons the signing of an agreement on today. A British official in the return of boat people from Hanoi was quoted as saying Hong Kong, saying that it that there was no problem needed more time to prepare with the agreement, it was reception facilities.

Sources in London and the colony have been saying they expected a signature on the agreement yesterday to be followed by an announcement



Wilson: dined with Hurd in London last weekend

merely a technical delay. However, Clinton Leeks, the Hong Kong government's refugee co-ordinator, cast

doubt on whether an agreeall. "We don't have an agreement yet. The position is we disagreements over the details soon," he said vesterday. The Vietnamese explana-

tion appears designed to hide a deal at all. the continuing concern in Hanoi about the notion of forced repatriation. Not only the Vietnamese statement was are the Vietnamese sensitive an excuse and she feared to the idea, but they know that problems had arisen in the the United States has been Hanoi wants the normal-Vietnamese foreign ministry isation of relations. Vietnamese foreign ministry official told Hong Kong's TVB But as 12,000 boat people news programme that Hanoi

forcing boat people to return home against forced repatriation. with local officials so that the Hong Kong officials cast ment was ready for signing at doubt on Britain's claim that the delay did not reflect

Jonathan Braude in Hong Kong and

David Watts in London see problems

in Hanoi's decision to delay a deal

Foreign Office would not comment on the possibility of Rita Fan, a legislative councillor in the colony, said that negotiations with Britain. As categorically opposed to the Britain and Hong Kong idea. Vietnam is keen not to continued to contradict each do anything to antagonise the other over what if anything Americans at a time when had been agreed, an unnamed

appropriate infrastructure could be in place before boat people begin to arrive back. But he emphasised that Victhope to have an agreement of the accord. In London the nam continued to be willing to as genuine refugees with a accept back boat people in an orderly fashion. He said that Peter Williams,

the British ambassador to Hanoi, had asked Vietnam on Tuesday to sign the agree-ment, adding: "We said OK. But not right now." He refused to be drawn on when around 20,000 arrivals. Vietnam would put pen to It is thought the accord,

reached in outline last month, opens the way for the deportation of some 200 "doublebackers" - those who volcontinued demonstrations was still discussing the matter untered to leave Hong Kong discussed.

able allowances from the United Nations - and some 2,000-3,000 of the most recent arrivals. If these deportations pass

without serious hitches, the way could be paved for the return of almost 60,000 boat people currently in Hong Kong camps. Fewer than 20 per cent of those so far screened have been recognised right to be resettled. Almost 20,000 are considered economic migrants. Some 10,500 have already departed under the UN-administered voluntary repatriation scheme since March 1989. However, this year alone there have been

Sir David Wilson, the gov ernor of Hong Kong, was in London at the weekend for dinner with Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, at which it is believed the question of the repatriations was



Bleak outlook: two of the thousands of children of Vietnamese boat people facing an uncertain future

Two die in Australian bush fires

Sydney - Two people died and several more were missing yesterday as the worst bush fires in years swept through the suburbs of Sydney and along the New South Wales coast (Robert Cockburn

writes). The first big fires of the season struck suddenly in unusually early summer conditions of high temperatures. hot winds and land left tinderdry by months of drought. More than 2,000 firemen tackled blazes along a 150-mile front. Fires were still burning last night and arson is sus-

pected in some cases. Worst hit were the northwestern suburbs in Sydney where a mother, aged 46, and her stepdaughter, aged 16, died when flames swept through their home. A man is missing, believed dead. Thousands of people were evac-

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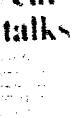
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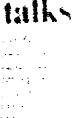
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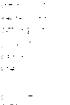


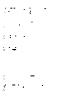






















































BEATING

JAMS

OTHER devices are being planned to improve motoring safety. A system for beating traffic

jams is being designed, linked with navigation systems, already well-tested and due on the market late

The Philips "Carin" system will be able to beam in on a selected

destination, then guide the driver. Although the system will be

relatively expensive at first, cost could fall soon to £500 a set - about

the price of a good car hi-fi system - making it widely affordable.

At the same time, the driver may not have to worry unduly that, if his or her concentration

lapses, the consequences will be

sastrous crash. The government claims many drivers could save time by switching

routes when there are jams, but how do

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are blockages in their usual routes? Radio data

systems, which transmit information on

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Prometheus is also

asking governments to erect roadside

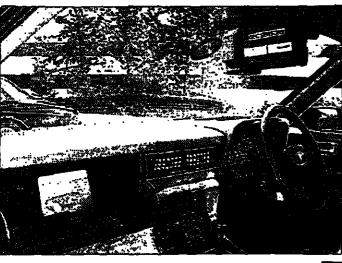
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A view to avoiding a kill



Engineers are designing cars with night-sights, like those used on bombers, to guide drivers in bad conditions. Kevin Eason reports

year as drivers by human eyesight on a dark struggle to find their way night or in fog. through the fog that can suddenly descend.

Mists force drivers to peer destinations, often with disas-

Engineers designing the cars of the not-so-distant future say they can adapt sophisticated night-sights, similar to those used on Tornado bombers in the Gulf war, to guide drivers home even in the worst

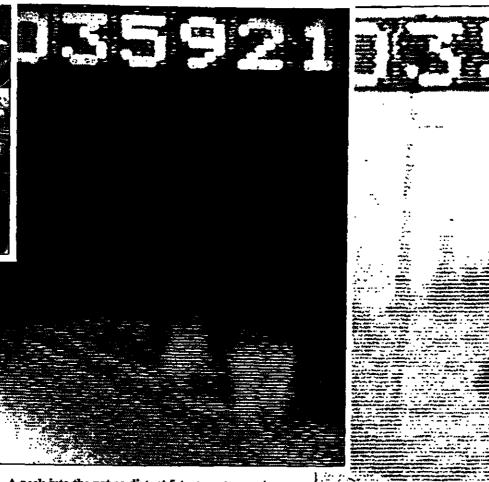
Jaguar already has a car at its Coventry factory with an enhanced vision system using a small camera mounted in front of the rear-view mirror. The system translates heat emissions from car engines,

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The picture is displayed on a small screen in the dashboard of an XJ6 saloon. into the gloom, relying on the Further development will retail-lights of the vehicles in sult in the picture being shown front to guide them to their on a "head-up" display; in effect, a small hologram prosimilar to those in aircraft.

Technology such as the night-sight might seem like science fiction. However, engineers working on Project Prometheus, a pan-European operation that includes leading car companies such as Jaguar, Mercedes-Benz, Ford and General Motors, say it is closer than we think. Some of the equipment could be with us within three years.

Adopting the equipment being developed by Promelights and even the human theus on a Europe-wide scale



left, mounted near the rear-view mirror, gives an enhanced picture on the in-car screen; above, the view from a windscreen on a stormy night and, right, an improved image shows the two figures in sharper relief

could, the engineers claim, cut road casualties by 30 per cent and congestion by 20 per cent. Many other developments will also make driving safer

Seven out of ten road accidents are caused by driver error, in good conditions as well as poor visibility and ensuring that the driver is as fit as the car is the aim of equipment that Ford is

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NASA, the US space agency, is

to make a new search for

evidence of intelligent life in

outer space. Radio telescopes

will seek radio waves in the

1,000 to 3,000 megahertz fre-

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The scan will concentrate

on stars similar to the Sun. A

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project manager, says the

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constructed a tree-ring cal-endar stretching back to 7,938

BC, the longest unbroken record of climatic fluctuations

Reporting in this week's

Nature, Bernd Becker and

colleagues from the university

of Stuttgart-Hohenheim say

that their tree-ring record

shows that the last glaciation

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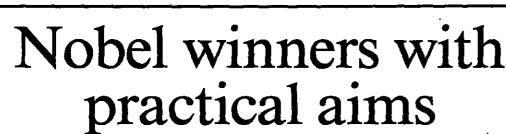
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Science judges

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he Nobel Prizes for physics and chemistry, each worth \$1 million (about £588,000). yesterday went to pioneers in the fields of liquid crystals and nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy.

Pierre-Gilles de Gennes, of France, won the physics prize for his work in bringing order to disordered systems, including polymers and liquid crystals, and Richard Ernst, of Switzerland, won the chemistry prize for the development of nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy, a technique now used around the Professor de Gennes, of the

Superior School of Physics and Chemistry, Paris, made an analysis of disordered systems, which has contributed to the development of liquid crystal displays in calculators, thermometers and television screens.

"Physicists often take pride in dealing with systems that are as simple and 'pure' as possible, but de Gennes' work has shown that even 'untidy' systems can be described in general terms," the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said in the citation. By doing so, he had found parallels between polymer molecules in solution, which tend to form long, spaghetti-like tangles, and the behaviour of superconductors. Similar mathematics could be used to explain both, laying the theoretical foun-

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make the best neighbours is the

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Dr Paul Wojtkovski, an agro-

forester in charge of the project, at

Bangor university, in north Wales,

says: "Success depends on ensur-

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Million-dollar winners: Professors de Gennes, left, and Ernst

of liquid crystals. was motivated by practicality.

the School of Physics and Chemistry, which faced financial problems because of what was seen as its emphasis on fundamental



dation for the practical application Professor de Gennes, who is 58, said yesterday that all his work

He would use the prize to defend

Professor Ernst, 58, is a pioneer of the technique of nuclear magnetic resonance, used to produce sharp images of organs such as the brain in hospitals, and as a method of structural analysis in chemistry. NMR spectroscopy uses magnetic fields to study the behaviour of the nucleus of the atom. By sensing small changes in that behaviour

Growing advice for the needy

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Information from test sites in

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when atoms are combined in different ways into molecules, the technique provides a powerful tool for studying molecular structure. He was not the inventor of NMR imaging, although the method he devised is the one now used in 4,500 hospitals around the

Professor Ernst's techniques revolutionised the use of NMR in biochemistry" according to Pro-fessor Laurie Hall, of Cambridge university. By devising a system of displaying the information on two axes - so-called two-dimensional NMR - Professor Ernst had made it possible to show the NMR spectra of important biological NIGEL HAWKES

the ancient agricultural techniques

of early civilisations. The one-

crop approach to farming has not

been helpful in the tropics. I am

convinced that the only way

forward for these countries is to

hark back to the past. By so doing,

they will be able to feed their

studying the feasibility of growing

cocoa and coffee bushes amid

rubber plantations. Cocoa bushes

enjoy the shade offered by the

In Brazil, the work is leading to

cohabitation between spices. The

cinnamon tree, an important export earner, has been en-

couraged to share land with the

In Africa, the project is tackling

the problem of desertification.

Trees can prevent erosion, and the

department is investigating ways

to blend salt-tolerant wheat species

with poplar trees in some of the

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continent's arid regions.

cardamom bush and cloves.

rubber trees.

The research team is also

ously estimated. Safe phone

A NEW cordless telephone that is proof against eavesdropping has been in-troduced by the American telecommunications company, Motorola. The phone uses signal-scrambling techniques to prevent people intercepting the calls, which, as in other cordless phones, are sent by radio signal from the base unit to the handset.

Supergroup

A NEW professional structure for materials scientists is likely to be created next January when the Institute of Metals, the Institute of Ceramics and the Plastics and Rubber Institute merge to form an Institute of Materials. The metallurgists have already voted for the merger; the other two institutions vote on November 15.

Space ejectors

An emergency exit

from a rocket

is dangerous

but possible

stronauts flying on Hermes, A the planned European Space Agency (ESA) space plane, are to have rocket-powered, supersonic, ejector seats capable of firing a crew member a kilometre away from the craft during an abortive launch or landing.

Two systems are being proposed for the seats, the first operational ones ever installed in a space vehicle. One, a seat designed for Buran, the Soviet space shuttle, is a development of the system used in the MIG 29. The other, suggested by the Martin-Baker Aircraft Company, of Denham, Middlesex, in conjunction with Aermacchi of Italy, is a development of the MK16A seat, to be installed in the European Fighter Aircraft and the French

Brian Miller of Martin-Baker says the company will submit its design to ESA next month and is confident that its system is superior. The Soviet proposal involves a seat which at 250kg is double the weight of the British one and is likely to add to the costs to a launch.

The British proposal is also designed to incorporate a computer-controlled rocket under the seat which, using technology borrowed from air-to-air guided missiles, will modify the scat's trajectory to stabilise the escape

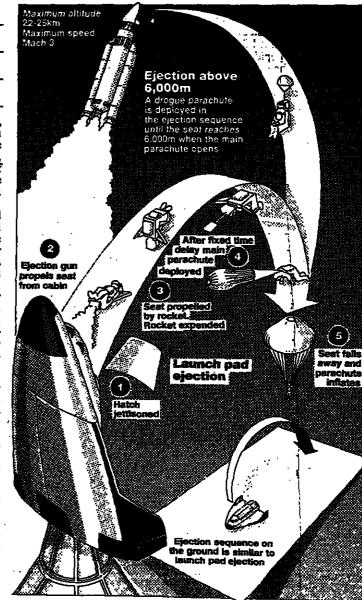
The rocket, which uses three axis gyros to keep pointing in the right direction, is designed to keep firing for about 2.1 seconds, which "is quite a long time to be riding a rocket," says Mr Miller. The Soviet seat, by contrast, is stabilised by its weight rather than by its rocket.

Mr Miller says the design of the system had led to features never before seen on an ejector seat, which have been created to deal with the special conditions of escaping from a space plane flying at up to Mach 3 - three times the speed of sound.
"With normal ejection seats,"

he says, "only one or two in a thousand will have to eject at the top end of their speed range of Mach I. We are having to deal with supersonics for the first

To slow the seat after ejection. the company examined the possibility of a small parachute known as a hemisflow drogue. The difficulties of testing and gaining meaningful data from such a system in a wind tunnel persuaded the company against

such a drogue. Instead, small biplane-style stabiliser wings will be fitted to the back of the seats, which will not only slow them down but will also



add stability. The wing surfaces lie flat against the seat during normal operations but, on ejection, are slid out by pistons as the astronaut hurtles away from Hermes.

Mr Miller says the seat is designed to be deployed at heights of up to 25km during a Hermes lift-off, Minimum height for a safe escape will be 500m.

During a typical deployment on the launch pad, the Hermes hatch

'Two-point-one seconds is a long time to be riding a rocket'

will be jettisoned while the leg and arm restraints lock and the neck support inflates.

In three-hundreths of a second, the ejection gun is fired, hurtling the astronaut at right angles sway from the stricken space plane. Just over two-tenths of a second into the ejection, the computer-con-trolled rocket is ignited, emergency radio beacons are switched on and the astronaut is breathing oxygen from an onboard store,

Safely away from Hermes, the main parachute is fired, the seat harnesses are unlocked and, about 27 seconds later, the crew member should touch down on land or sea, complete with survival kit.

Mr Miller says: "The astronaut has two or three minutes of oxygen left, during which he needs to lift up his visor and breathe air."

For an ejection after launch, above 6000m, the sequence is similar, but the system also deploys a drogue parachute for part of the time.

Mr Miller says there has been only one other documented case of a supersonic ejection. A pilot is believed to have escaped from an SR71 Blackbird spy plane which

was approaching speeds of Mach 3 at a "very high altitude". He said the greatest threat facing crewman was likely to be heat friction on exposed parts such as elbows which, Mr Miller said, was

an issue of suit, rather than ejector

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Flu: hypodermic hype?

Thousands die of influenza every year. **Thomson Prentice asks** whether Flu Awareness

Week will save lives

sure sign that winter is nigh has landed on the desk of every GP in Britain this week. The circular from the government's chief medical officer, giving recommendations on flu immunisation, is as much a seasonal

ritual as turning the clocks back. So, too, is the stockpiling of millions So, too, is the stockpiling of millions of doses of flu vaccine, and the launch of events such as Flu Awareness Week, which begins next Monday and is organised by — who else? — the vaccine manufacturers.

The health department said yesterday that the stocks for this winter are more than 25 per cent larger than last year's total of 3,650,000 doses. Kenneth Calman, who took over as

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Kenneth Calman, who took over as the chief medical officer from Sir Donald Acheson this month, says in his letter that more people than ever should be immunised this year.

Is all this really necessary? Is Britain on the brink of a big flu epidemic? Are influenza vaccinations really eff-

ective? Probably not.

The British have a love-hate relationship with flu. We love to complain that we have caught it. We use it to justify time off work. And we hate it, because when we get the real thing we feel horrible.

Most of all, we are reluctant to take it seriously - at least until it strikes us. We are loath to heed advice on prevention, preferring to reach at the last minute for a hot toddy or dash to the chemist's counter for a lemonflavoured remedy.

The health department, meanwhile, has a love-hate affair with the flu vaccine makers. It needs the vaccine for the elderly and vulnerable, but it does not have great faith in its protectiveness. It sometimes has to beg for more, as when supplies ran out in the last epidemic, but suspects the industry drums up trade with the odd

bit of scaremongering.

The jibe among some health department officials is that the vaccine makers have put the hype into hypodermic. To which Sandy Macnair, the medical adviser of the Influenza Monitoring and Informa-tion Bureau (funded by the manufacturers), retorts: "The department's advisers are a bunch of academic greybeards." What is not in dispute is that flu can be a killer, and when given the chance, a mass murderer. During a typical British winter, between 2,500 and 8,000 flu deaths occur. According to the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys, flu killed 26,000 people during the last big epidemic, the worst for 15 years, in the winter of 1989/90. More than 80 per cent of the victims were more than 65 years old, but children and young adults died, too.

lu is caused by viruses much more potent than those which provoke the common cold. They enter through the nose and mouth, invading cells and reproducing. They damage the immune system and lead to symptoms such as fevers, headaches, aching limbs and backs, weak muscles, coughs and runny noses. If influenza spreads to the lungs, it can cause viral pneumonia and may lead to a secondary, bacterial pneumonia. With bronchitis, these pneumonias are the commonest causes of flu-related death, particularly in the elderly, but also among apparently healthy young adults who have an underlying condition or weakened immune system.

in 1989/90 the health department's vaccine stocks of three million doses were exhausted before the epidemic reached its peak, and another 180,000 doses had to be imported quickly from France and The Netherlands.

Some hospitals lost a quarter of



Punchlines: posters such as this warning the public to take precautions against flu are being sent to GPs' surgeries

their nurses to the infection, and turned away all but the most urgent cases. The Royal College of Nursing demanded that immunisation be offered free to its 285,000 members, and Sir Donald set up an enquiry into government policy on immunisation and prevention of outbreaks.

The enquiry concluded that there was no need to encourage everybody to be immunised, but found that many of the elderly and those with chronic conditions that made them particularly vulnerable to flu were not being vaccinated. Deaths could have been cut, for example, by immunising the elderly in nursing homes and other residential accommodation.

The result is that this year there will be more vaccine available - four and a half million doses, costing the health department about £23 million, or just

over £5 per injection — but, paradoxi-cally, there should be less need for it. "We tend to vaccinate people in the winter after a bad epidemic, having learnt the lesson a bit late." Dr Macnair says. "The level of immunity in the general population now is still quite high, and the number of deaths from flu this winter should be fairly

small - perhaps a few thousand." Nevertheless, Dr Calman is pushing GPs to vaccinate larger numbers of those most at risk. In his letter, he says that immunisation is strongly recommended for patients of all ages if they have chronic respiratory disease, including asthma, chronic heart disease, chronic renal failure, diabetes, or

(including Aids) or medical treatment. Greater efforts should be made to reach these priority groups, he says. Mr Calman also provides some advice that dis pleases the vaccine manu facturers. He says the vaccine gives about 70 per cent protection against infection, and in the elderly, probably

accines against flu are produced in Britain by four companies, Evans, Merieux UK, Duphar and Servier. The composition of the vaccines changes every year, depending on the to be prevalent. The formulation is calculated on the basis of information

collected by the World Health Organisation in 100 countries. There are three types of flu virus. Type A is the most severe and most common, responsible for the bipsest epidemics. Type B causes less severe but locally widespread outbreaks, and

Type C causes minor outbreaks. This year's vaccine is a cocktail of two strains of Type A and one of Type B. But despite worldwide monitoring of outbreaks, it is impossible to predict an epidemic.

Because of this uncertainty, the British manufacturers, through the Influenza Monitoring and Information Bureau, prefer to take a gloomy view. As a result, the bureau has been accused in the past of scaremongering. "We have been suspected of mount-

ing a scare every year, but that's a bit

of the mucus and cilia that

normally trap dust and mi-

crobes and keep them out of

• Once flu takes a grip GPs

recommend resting in bed and

drinking plenty of liquids to

replace fluids lost by sweating.

Taking preparations contain-

ing paracetamol or aspirin

every few hours (usually a

maximum of eight in 24

hours) will help to reduce

fever and relieve aches and

pains. Although commonly

used as a treatment for colds,

there is no evidence that vast

quantities of Vitamin C help

contain the worst symptoms

● A prescribed anti-viral

drug, amantadine, can reduce

the severity and duration of Type A infection if taken

before symptoms appear but

usually is prescribed only to

the elderly, or people with

of influenza.

scaremongering to warn that every winter a few thousand people are likely to be killed by flu when the statistics show this to be true. We feel it's our duty to issue warnings, particularly to the high-risk groups for whom immunisation is recon by the health department."

Both the bureau and the department were guilty of under-estimating the impact of the epidemic two years ago, he says. "If the government had been more emphatic in its advice about vaccination, there would have been fewer deaths. We were complacent, too. We didn't think it would be as bad as it turned out to be.

"The lesson is that we should expect an epidemic every winter. Since we have no means of predicting how severe it is going to be, or when it will occur, we should expect the worst and vaccinate as many of those who are at risk as possible."

Dr Calman's current advice to GPs is that the ideal time for immunisation is late October and early November. There is rarely much flu in Britain before the end of November, but it takes up to 14 days for the vaccine to produce enough antibodies to confer protection. Immunity should last through the winter.

What about those of us who are not deemed at high risk? "The best possible immunity is to have a mild dose of flu that will fend off a worse attack for the rest of the winter," a health department spokesman says. dose on request."

unfair," Dr Macnair says. "It's hardly

MEDICAL BRIEFING Or Thomas Stuttaford

Not tonight, doctor

IN SHEFFIELD, asking for a sick note used to be the prerogative of the manual worker. Now, however, it seems that it is not Andy Capp, but Mrs Capp, who wants a note from her doctor, not to be excused from her household tasks but only from the exertions of the marital bed. It is reported that Dr Paula Nicholson, a medical psychologist in Sheffield. has found that an increasing number of women are asking GPs to sign them off sex. The psychologist apparently feels that men. by failing to understand the sexual needs of modern women, leave them

depressed. Unlike Dr Nicholson, others might be led into confusing cause and effect. Loss of libido, sexual enthusiasm, is an almost invariable symptom of depression in both sexes, it is therefore possible that some Sheffield wives may be rejecting sex because they are depressed, and not that they become depressed by their husband's lack of Any patient who complains



of loss of libido should also be questioned about insomnia, loss of appetite, weight loss, feelings of worthlessness, diurnal variation (morning pessimism followed by relative optimism in the evening) and a lack of enthusiasm for life in general, as well and as sex in particular. It would be tragic if patients who had consulted their doctors with one of the common symptoms of

depression were assumed to

be suffering solely from

treatment. This includes the SHT re-update inhibitors Prozac and Seroxat relatively free of side-effects. Loss of libido can also be a symptom of many physical diseases, including diabetes and hypothyroidism. It may also afflict women at various times, premenstrually, after childbirth, when lactating, and Ms Greet not withstanding, the menopause; problems which all respond to appropriate

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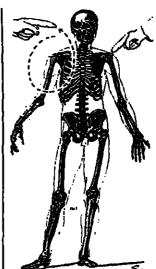
modern anti-depressant

Focus on magic eye

FORTY years ago, Oxford undergraduates were set a weekly problem by the professor of anatomy who would describe a patient's neurological symptoms and then expect the students to deduce from these the site in the nervous system where the trouble lay. Later in their career postmortem studies demonstrated that even great neurologists were sometimes wrong. Physicians still plot a patient's neurological deficit: they gauge muscle strength, test sight, hearing and smell, wield their reflex hammers and prick the patient with needles or stroke them with cotton wool, but at the end of the

examination it is now rare to hear one make a firm diagnosis. No longer is it necessary to wait for the operating theatre before having enspicions confirmed, for an all-seeing magic eye, a ic resonance it (MRI) scanner, is able to discriminate between normal and abnormal brain and spinal cord tissue. This can display the anatomy of the central nervous system with startling definition on to a screen, from where, with a laser camera, it can be transferred to film. This week Princess Margaret opened London's latest MRI scanner at the

London Clinic, which has



been installed to complement the existing computer tomography (CT) scanners. These two instruments are complementary. The CT scanner is still the first line of investigation in many circumstances. Patients undergoing MRI do not suffer from any radiation, because the scanner uses magnetism and radio frequency. As a diagnostic tool it is also ical in displaying joints in particular the knee, in which split cartilages and torn ligaments become readily visible. The MRI scanner can also demonstrate precisely where pressure on the spinal cord, or a nerve, is being caused by a prolapsed disk or an arthritic spine; and it is so sensitive that it is able to pick up otherwise undetectable secondary tumors in bone marrow.

All clear at Forte

THE Forte group's Heritage hotels, once ancient hostelries where diners might have expected to eat in an atmosphere made hazy by pipe-smoking locals, have changed. This week, the company banned smoking in the dining rooms and increased the number of non-smoking bedrooms. Its decision coincides with the submission by Action Asthma to the health department, whose consultative document "For Health of the Nation" invited other opinions. One of the seven points raised by Action Asthma, all of which are designed to improve the diagnosis and treatment of the condition, is the problem faced by 57 per cent of asthmatics in a tobacco-smokey atmosphere. Now these patients may be able to enjoy their steak at the Old White Hart without wheezing.



need to be fully informed. At the Department "The trouble is, you can't get a mild of Health's November conference you'll find

medicine suggest that if you

stay at home and choose the

right remedies you can stave off the worst of flu. In the self-

help category of herbal medi-

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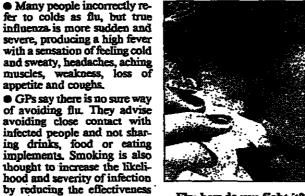


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Flu: how do you fight it?

influenza. Antibiotics are ineffective against viruses but doctors will prescribe them to pneumonia. Healthy people should recover from influenza without medical assistance within a week.

 In Britain there are no overthe-counter remedies specifically for flu but several cold remedies are popular for flulike conditions. Boots supplies a range of cures, ranging from Lemsip for aches and pains, to Benylin for sore throats and Boots decongestant tablets.

 Traditional remedies are or taken in infusions. It is meant to soothe sore throats, ease muscle pain, bring down energy to cope." illnesses that will put them at fever and fight infection. serious risk if they catch • Practitioners of alternative

perature, and two or three cups of autowroot may improve the appetite during convalescence. Association recommends a course of baptisia (a remedy prevent complications such as made from wild indigo) for gastric symptoms and exhaustion, enpatorium (made from boneset and thoroughwort) for the worst of the flu, and

beadaches.

 Dr Cecil Chen, a council member of the British Acupuncture Association, recommends going to an acupuncturist if you do not want to catch flu from family or colleagues. "By strengthening the immune system, we less expensive, though not can help people get through necessarily pleasant. Garlic the winter," he says. "If can be either chewed in cloves someone already has flu, acupuncture cannot cure it but it

gelsemium (made from yellow

jasmine root) for flushes and

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Your novel as guru

Motorcycle Maintenance, re- mouth turns to print after 17 years of silence with a book about, lish-speaking island province among other things, Red In-dians and yachting Not the neighbour, in a manner not most commercially-driven of How! and The Art of Coastal Navigation. Even though nain the 1990s as Oriental glamorous 750cc passages that were principally responsible for turning Zen into a cult. So the book is called Lila,

and its subtitle is An Inquiry into Morals. In passing, it inquires into a good deal else besides - Victorian rectitude, of quality, the definition of which is the work's stated aim. It seems irrelevant to the point of churlishness to judge Lila as fiction but, as well as being a book about writing a book, it

novel, and it is through a narrative that Pirsig, or Phaedrus (as he calls himself here and in Zen), arrives at his conclusions about value and such like.

Lila is a woman near disillusioning middle-age whom Phaedrus sleeps with on his boat and then, half-sadagrees to take with him to Florida. If Phaedrus is all body, while a third

sailor called Rigel who even-distant in tone and at-tually takes her away to be mosphere from Mainland "cared for" (that is, institutionalised) stands for society, with its rules and regulations ship between these three is the has the right to judge whom?

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ROBERT M. Pirsig, the au- was what it was all about." thor of Zen and The Art of Straight from the horse's

Mainland is set in an Eng-

dissimilar to Northern Ireauthors, Pirsig has resisted the land's relationship with Engtemptation to call his book land. The parallels nag away at first, but it is a mark of the vigour Robert McCrum brings tive American mysticism to his gloomy political allemight have as much to offer us gory that, though the novel's themes are control, paranoia wisdom did in the 1970s, the and betrayal, the comparison fact remains that sailing is intrudes less and less as one hardly hiking, and it was the reads on. McCrum's polished chrome prose, all glinting and spruce, shares the credit for this with the triangle of players at the heart of the drama, who are much more than the ideological ciphers often found in this genre. Stephen Mallory, a "political consulthe crumbling of New York tant" specialising in risk City, duck-billed platypuses, assessment in hot climes, and above all the metaphysics visits the troubled province as escort to a planeload of VIPs. He is drawn into the life of

isabel Rome, a mainland

radio journalist with a toehold

in the community. In order that he can revisit her, he persuades his Jasper Rees employers to let him oversee the on-location filming of a politicised An Inquiry Into pop video. Mallory is self-sufficient and secretive, qualities that boobytrap his relations with the

Pirsig Bantam, £14.99 MAINLAND open-hearted Isa-By Robert bel. The story is as McCrum acute in its little Secker & Warburg, £13.99 intimate moments as in its big incen-THE FIREdiary one. MEN'S FAIR Although By Josephine

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kicks off in medias res with a dramatically destructive hurricane, a novel could not be more

than Josephine Humphreys's The Fireman's Fair. It is a gentle, comic, pastoral affair, and conformity. The relation- though to say it does not touch on life's larger themes would basis for Pirsig's inquiry into be wrong. It does, but in its morals. Where do they stand own way - quietly, casually, vis-a-vis one another? Who almost in passing. Also set on an island, but this time off The interweaving of philos- South Carolina, it tells of the ophy and fiction is not ructions in the life of Rob achieved with the seamlessness of, say, a novel by Milan Kundera, though Pirsig doubtless never intended it to. The fact remains that Lila's restless contestion is to nuclein less cogitation is, to purloin heavens. In this he gets some his own image, like the darting help from a floundering but flightpath of a moth: for all the somehow wised-up teenager beautifully precise thoughts called Billie, who banishes fluttering out of these somethoughts of the boss's wife, times turgid pages, it is ex-Rob's long-lost love, and helps tremely hard to pin the work heal the rift between his batty down. Halfway through the parents. Rounded off with book there is a moment when some harmless wish-fulfil-Lila appears in the boat's ment, this delightful novel is hatchway: "It startled him for frothily done, but down below the exquisite bubbles lurk some fine old home truths about life in the slow lane. Someone in Hollywood will

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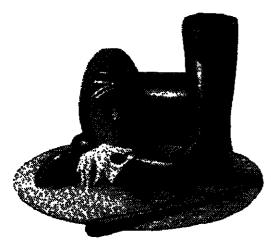
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Kingsley and the young devil

Joseph Connolly reviews a strange affair between the novelist and the yobbo youf

ow here's a funny thing: Sir Kingsley Amis, fresh from his excoriating and time to a novel primarily intended for "young adults" - a term one scorn and loathing.

A sort of explanation is put forward in the short introduction, where Amis tells us that of the hundreds of characters he has invented, the urge to revive any of them has become irresistible only "a couple of times" — Jenny Bunn, who originally appeared in Take a Girl Like You (1960) made a triumphant (1988), while the other character

WE ARE ALL GUILTY whom Amis cites By Kingsley Amis as refusing to let him alone is our current hero, a 17vear-old cockney

lad called Clive Rayner - star of a little known television play of the 1970s, apparently unpublished. The Great Jim Dixon also made a welcome comeback as Jake Richardson in Jake's Thing, but Amis chooses not to mention this, leaving the reader considerably perplexed as to why on earth from among Amis's tremendous gallery of heroes and villains it is left to young Clive to exert so strong a pull upon his creator. "I found as I wrote," says Amis, almost mystically, "that I cared more about him than about any of my previous male characters that I could remember." What more than the bibulous and un-forgettable Maurice Allington of The Green Man? More than poor old Stanley Duke and all his women? Or even one single Old Devil? Crumbs what has this upstart Clive Rayner got going for him?

On the face of it, not a lot. Clive is 'pissed off" you see (on the dole, 'hassled" by his stepfather, lumbered with a sort of girlfriend called Paula who is as dense as a duvet) and driven by boredom into bungling a pointless raid on a warehouse - whereupon he is further harassed by police officers straight out of Z-Cars. "Clive," says Sir Kingsley in the foreword, "is utterly unlike me," and one concedes the point.

Up to the moment of the break-in,

Clive mopes around the house and streets being bored, is accused of nicking a tenner from his mother's hugely amusing Memoirs handbag - this filling us with and fast approaching his 70th birth-day, turns his hand for the very first did it — and then has a spell of being indignation until it turns out that be bored in the Bengal Light Tandoori with near-idiot friends, Terry and would have though expressly de-signed to make Amis wince with Amid the flock wallpaper of this murky place there are flashes of ctassic; brilliant Amis dialogue (ie, non-communication) but so brief as to appear rationed. Such hopeless, working-class situations have been better done, and one wonders as to the point of it all. The point, it transpires, is trumpeted in the title: we are all guilty. An accidental result of the abortive burglary is that the return in Difficulties with Girls elderly night watchman falls and is

consumed by guilt - but no one will allow him to wal-

the vicar "understands" - and in a superb cameo, the female social worker gives the impression that not to have broken into the warehouse would have constituted a clear demonstration of deviance and (of course) that society itself is to blame.

Here the theme of an over-caring society and deprivation of guilt is not so much developed as oft repeated. Clive is let off by the court, his grouchy old stepfather forgives him, the policemen from central casting forgive him - even the partially paralysed nightwatchman and his wife forgive him, for God's sake, leaving the boy totally bereft of the one thing that lent form to his ghastly existence. Robbed of his richly merited guilt - now spread among the worthy so thinly as to have become a mere patina of shared responsibility - he slumps back into nothingness. I cannot help thinking that if young Clive Rayner's mother had been the redoubtable Claire, he never would have got into such a hole in the first place. The overall result is glum - a grey slice of life glimpsed through a Macallan, darkly - and the horrible "yoof" market dust jacket does little to alleviate the gloom. As to Sir Kingsley's infatuation with Clive, I feel it must remain a matter for the



Kingsley Amis, on his first venture into the odd genre of teenage fiction, brings back a surprising character

Here be hobbits tor ever

Philippa Toomey

IN JANUARY it will be the centenary of J. R. R. Tolkien, the man who is the acknowledged master of the fantasy novel. To mark the eve of the feast, Grafton Books have brought out a new paperback edition: The Hobbit, £3.99. The Lord of the Rings, in three volumes, £4.99 each). There are ravishing new covers by John Howe, who seems to have got it right, each book edged in a golden line of Elvish. How will it stand up to generations not affected by the initial Hobbit mania? First published in 1937, the saga might have aged badly, but it has not. The magic still holds the reader in a spell (unbreakable except for meals), and the only thing that may shock a modern audience is that Hobbits smoke like chimneys.

Tolkien: The Illustrated Encyclopedia, by David Day (Mitchell Beazley, £17.99) is a guide to absolutely everything you could have wished to know about Tolkien mythology, and then some. Divided into history, geography, sociology, natural history and brography, with maps and charts, it is variously (and to my mind, hideously) illustrated by sundry hands. I was once reproved by Rayner Unwin for calling the paperback covers hideous, because the illustrations were Tolkien's own. Strange how desire outruns performance. But if outruns performance. But if you want an illustrated A-Z of the flora and fauna of Middle-Earth and the Undying Lands, David Day is your man, in the first of what will be an avalanche of centennial adulation. I recommend the rereading of the saga instead.

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two of them.

m Deep Sleep, by Frances Fyfield (Heinemann, £13.99). Crown prosecutor Helen West does not believe that the duties, delves on. The under-

their preferred killer. Di- ricia Cornwell (MacDonald, amond disagrees, sets out to £13.95). Stunning follow-up to

exceeding her prosecutorial under-bed-clothes tension.

THE master of the Victorian detective novel turns, for the first time, to a modern whodunit; and a terrific job he makes of it. Fat slob detective superintendent Peter Diamond is of the old school, a computerised forensic nonsense. So when a naked maintained; a sub-plot of bitwoman with no identifying ter marital estrangement inmarks is found floating in a tervenes with searing realism. lake near Bath, Diamond Fyfield's most restrained but pursues his foot-slogging in- most psychologically assured quiries and dogged interviews, while his colleagues, armed with new technology, settle on Body of Evidence, by Pat-

current of menace and sup- Maximum Bob, by Elmore pressed sexuality is beautifully Leonard (Viking, £14.99).

Victorian virtues in dirty modern Bath

Post-Mortem, last year's winner of the award for the best first crime novel, featuring again Dr Kay Scarpetta, feisty-vulnerable chief medical officer of Richmond, Virginia. Terrified writer Beryl Madithe police, though, among slashed lifeless on her first whom West's lover Jeffrey night back by someone challenges and the interest of the police, though, among slashed lifeless on her first whom West's lover Jeffrey night back by someone challenges are lost to interest of the police. in. There's a spooky literary further. Frissons mount as Svengali, a missing manusinister backroom activities at script, the curious return of Carlton's Caring Chemists Scarpetta's ex-lover, and the point to a new victim; West, MO herself in danger. Head-

Marcel Berlins

THE LAST DETECTIVE By Peter Lovesey Scribners, £12.95

Slightly below par Leonard, over-corny plot involving an unlikable Florida indge with a penchant for handing out stiff sentences, his underwater entertainer wife, a ten-foot alligator on his lawn, and an ortment of criminals he has sent down, some of them now out and seeking revenge. Many gems of low life and bigoted dialogue along the way, but it doesn't gel.

■ Death of a Warrior Queen, by S. T. Haymon (Constable, £12.99). Newly found Druid burial grounds in Suffolk yield

■ Comeback, by Dick Francis ■ Fine Distinctions, by Deb-(Michael Joseph, £14.99). orah Valentine (Gollancz, When he is good he is very £14.99). Testy sculptress very good, but every now and Katharine Craig leaves ex-cop again he comes up with a dud, turned author Kevin Bryce and this is one of them. The after quarrel. Her sub-

hero is a young diplomat who, sequently found abandoned for far-fetched reasons, gets car suggests foul play, a caught up with a troubled vet psychopathic IRA thug is in in Gloucestershire. Race- the vicinity. Bryce liaises unhorses brought to him for easily with Irish Gardai to treatment die inexplicably, all search. Moody, off-beat, well sorts of family and business written, atmospheric novel,

there's arson, murder, and the usual quota of fighting and loving. The problem is two-fold. The hero is Francis's most insipid ever, and there's too much redious vet science.

Brett (Gollancz, £13.99). archaeological treasures and Perpetually resting thespian also death and passion among sleuth Charles Paris, reduced odd-ball locals and diggers, at to playing a fork-lift truck the centre, Timmy, a retarded driver for a drinks commerbut attractive 18-year-old, and cial, finds company bimbo his protector Hannah, the machine-crushed on factory widow owner of the big house. floor. The amiably shambling Inspector Jurmet, in love, Paris's investigation brings meddles reluctantly and sen- out the customary Brettian sitively. Haymon is one of the fizz of one-liners and other most elegant writers around; verbal felicities, coupled with her characters are complex a withily acerbic look at corand interesting, plotting is porate absurdities and advertexact, and she has an unerring ising horrors, not least the feel for place.

feuds and secrets emerge, with a firm, understated grip.

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Women in the band

MILITARY history will be made tomorrow on the stage of the Free Trade Hall, Manchester. For the first time ever, women are being admitted into an all-male British military band. Seven female musicians who recently joined the RAF Central Band will be making their debuts in a concert bring-ing together all 200 mg. ing together all 200 musicians in the RAF's four UK-based bands. "Good to see the Royal Air Force again taking the lead." remarks Air Chief Marshal Sir Jock Kennedy, of the RAF's decision to break centuries of sol-dierly taboo and allow women to go where the drumsticks fly.

Back on stage

INGMAR Bergman is working on what will be only his third opera production, following a 1961 Rake's Progress that won Stravinsky's approval and the 1974 film version of The Magic Flute. This time the piece is new a setting of the Bacchae of Euripides by the Swedish composer Daniel Bortz, involving a large cast of singers, actors and dancers. After its winter performances in Stockholm, it will be recorded for television.



Bergman: to stage

Last chance...

SOON to start recording their second album, The Black Crowes wind up a two-year stretch of touring with dates at Royal Concert Hall, Notting-ham (0602 482626) tonight, and the Hammersmith Odeon, London W6 (081-748 4081) to-morrow and Saturday. Having revived the working practices of classic Seventies' bands such as The Faces and Bad Comwhile courting a little mild controversy along the way, the rebelyell rockers have been rewarded with sales now in excess of three million for their aptly-titled 1989 debut album, Shake Your

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CINEMA: NEW RELEASES

become wondrously fused.

power, death and repression.

Plantagenet king, antagonises Queen Isabella and the nobil-

ity by showering love and favours on an uncouth up-

start, Gaveston. Aided by

Isabella, power-hungry Morti-

mer galvanises the opposition

to restore what they see as the

country's dignity; civil war

out at the audience with its

bold designs and anachronis-

tic clothes. Economic neces-

sity suggested Christopher

of fancy props. The costumes

Visually, Edward II leaps

and brutal murder follow.

Crowning glory for the British king

'Violence

plays a

Isabella

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one poor

utive producer)

spouts smart re-

marks and ingra-

tiating smiles, and

Daniel Stern and

Bruno Kirby make

perfect stooges.

The solid backup

pair of ice-cream tycoons wed-

Once the trek acquires an

adorable calf called Norman,

however, the film's charm

ded to a camcorder.

magine a day's prop list for Derek Jarman's Edward II (18, Curzon West End, Gate). Duffle Geoff Brown reviews Derek Jarman's magnificent Edward II, City Slickers, coat, throne, riot shields, altar, soft-drinks cans, balaclava hoods, pyjamas. Not for Jarman the blinding debuge of Doc Hollywood and Chattahoochee Renaissance finery in Greenawould seem, from Audrey New Jerseyites nursing midway's *Prospero's Books*, or the dull parade of Kenneth Branagh's *Henry V*, styled in off-the-peg Tudor. Alone Hepburn's and Imelda Mar- life crises. To rejuvenate their cos's cast-offs. batteries, the buddies venture

Fine acting adds to the on one of those "fulfil your film's uncommon strength. By stamping out theatrical cacattle trek from New Mexico Fine acting adds to the among these recent films of Eng. Lit. landmarks, Jarman dences, Steven Waddington to Colorado. Helen Slater (Edward), Andrew Tiernan comes along for the ride, (Gaveston) and Tilda Swinton but essentially this is a (Isabella) minimise Marlowe's man's show: an over-stretched yanks his chosen text into the modern world, rooting Mar-lowe's play in a malevolent society of conspicuous confustian and give the lines a bundle of merry jests and modern swing. Jarman helps by add-

stumption, street riots and anti-gay legislation. Through the miracle of cinema, two sensibilities and centuries ing expletives Marlowe undoub-Jarman's and Marlowe's tedly knew, but never unleashed. Jarman's imagination al-Otherwise the ways sets his films alight, but text is re-arranged no feature before Edward II rather than rehas carried quite so much worded; it is Jar-punch. Its predecessors — The man's visual imagination, yoked to the skills of his Last of England and The

Garden — presented a jostling the skills of his carnival of apocalypse, poetry and private thoughts. But tors, that bends the Marlowe's play provides a play to his will.

Stout narrative peg for the director's concern with sex, (though it could soul with a ferocious neck bite' well be myth) that Edward II, newly-appointed Edward met a hideous end with a includes Jack Pal-strategically placed hot poker. ance (the trail boss who Since the film was made in inconveniently dies), two Hammer's old studios at Bray, Long Island dentists, and a

Jarman must have been tempted to pile on the horror. Violence plays a part, to be sure: Isabella despatches one poor soul with a ferocious neck bite. Yet there is also humour and tenderness. We expect this from the lovers, dancing in a spotlight to Cole Porter; but Jarman, mellowing sity suggested Christopher perhaps in maturity, treats Hobbs's moveable sets of vast even the villains with understone blocks, yet the shafts of standing Bold, passionate and slickers under light and imprisoning shade savagely beautiful, this is one tains, but its in create a dank, brooding at- of the best British films for to be lanced.

create a dank, brooding at-mosphere worth any amount some time. City Slickers (12, Odeon Leicester Square), with Billy jolt and amuse, from the aristocracy's pinstripe and twin-sets to Isabella's aston-Crystal, returns us to Hollytwin-sets to Isabella's aston- wood with a bump, a moo and director's Highland fling. One nonsense. When the plot's far side of hell. Still, nobody ishing outfits — culled, it a "Yi-ha!". We start with three scene in Doc Hollywood (12, lacunae allow, Gary Oldman, has suffered lasting career

Californian beach wear.

thoughts about friendship.
At first writers Lowell Ganz and (who also penned Parenthood) make pleasant fun of these greenhorn doubt for a second.

> ollowing Memphis Belle for David Puttshifts to the Hollymoney-grabbing cosmetic surscenes, but by then the film

begins to unravel. Crystal's little smile wears thin; Ganz Mick Jackson, and Mandel press the cuteness button too often; and director Ron Underwood stretches every intimate, soul-baring scene beyond advisable limits. City Slickers undoubtedly enterfilm's deficiencies at his door. tains, but its indulgences need A two-hour drama has been Ever since Michael Catonprocess, a real-life story about Jones announced his ambition a Korean War hero's fortunes in a nightmarish Florida mento be Preston Sturges in a kilt, I have waited for this talented tal hospital is reduced to near

market, Oxford Street), his first all-American film, pays homage to the master's 1941 classic, Sullivan's Travels, but the kilt has been replaced by The brains of five writers

forged the script, yet their labours only produced a mouse of a comedy, with a plot that might well have seemed fresh 60 years ago. Michael J. Fox, the Mary Pickford of the age, clings desperately to his boyish looks as a smart city doctor waylaid in the sticks en route to a plush L.A. job in plastic surgery.
"I'm in the Twilight Zone!" he cracks. Yet the folks of Grady, "Squash capital of the South" wear away the doc's resistance with sweet eccentricities. A pretty spitfire of an ambulance driver (Julie Warner) provides a stronger lure, and the doc's final destination is never in cowboys. Crystal

> nam, Caton-Jones wood mode with ease. Yet the predictability of this cocklewarming comedy gradually sets the teeth on edge. Just when we congratulate the writers for avoiding Billy Crystal's cow, up grunts a pig, equally cute, to keep Fox company. George Hamilton's geon brightens the final has long succumbed to blandness and timidity.

is the man at the helm of Chattahoochee (15, Odeon beard, manages a decent sketch of a simple man fightpost-production tinkering, it would be unfair to park all the per, as his prison chum, hardly survives the scissors. shrunk to 97 minutes; in the



submerged in a Fidel Castro damage; since its completion horrid crime and the state's beard, manages a decent in 1989, Oldman has prohorrid punishment; even the ing injustice, but Dennis Hop-

Perhaps Chattahoochee would never have amounted to much: by straining so hard for squalor, Jackson intensifies the ponderous cliches of this mental hospital from the

gressed to State of Grace. while Jackson's quick-fire style energised Steve Martin's L.A. Story. Chattahoochee is a have witnessed a master direcfilm to forgive, and forget.

Few modern tales of woe come any bleaker than Dekalog 5 (18, Renoir), the television version of Kieslowski's A Short Film About Killing. Every shot hurts in this devastating analysis of a Film About Love.

bilious colour adds to the film's pain. You may not emerge dancing, but you will comes double-billed with the equally powerful Dekalog 6, a riveting study in love and

The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, at the Festival Hall this weekend, has made a remarkable leap in standards says Richard Morrison

en things that the British know about Atlanta, Georgia: Gone with the Ted Turner's omni-

present CNN, Coca-Cola, Martin Luther King, the 1996 Olympics and ... well, perhaps ten was too ambitious a target. The quality of Atlanta's Symphony Orchestra is not yet internationally known. perhaps because until recently its orchestra was not of international quality. Recognition \$16 million (£9.4 million) is surely about to come. The orchestra, now on a whirlwind 15-city European tour, has made an extraordinary leap in standards and ambitions.



Hardworking baton: Atlanta Symphony's Yoel Levi

pean tour demonstrates how an orchestra benefits by havbuild a great orchestra musical standards that lan-Remember the "Pittsburgh guish between modest and fallacy", named after an or-mediocre. The most vital asset ing wealthy corporations sitting on its doorstep; much of the \$1.7 million cost is being underwritten by the Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines. expensive conductors, and music director in the true, engagements," he says simply, rather than blaze and bloom.

chestra that has vast endow- for any orchestra is a conducments, one of the world's most tor who is prepared to be a stayed put. "I never cancel sis on precision and clarity

time-consuming meaning of the term. Since 1988, Atlanta has had such a figure: the 41-year-old Israeli, Yoel Levi. "If you want to create

something really special, you don't spend your time chasing round the world," says Levi. 'I sometimes think that in Europe the music director is more like a principal guest conductor.'

When Levi does travel, he has a knack of living dangerously. He was with a Polish orchestra in Cracow when the Chernobyl explosion happened, and conducting the Israel Philharmonic (in which he once played percussion) when Iraq's Scud missiles fell on Tel Aviv. In both cases, he

That tenacity is evident in his dealings in Atlanta. Life for the players was undeniably more easy-going before he came. "I work them very hard," admits Levi. "That was a shock to people."

with bright young things. "I expect a tremendously high level of technique, plus the ability to blend in. The idea is to create a unified colour throughout the orchestra. Sometimes the right person is hard to find, so I am patient. We looked for two years for he says soothingly. the right flute player." Levi is cultivating an empha-

And if listeners detect that the new Atlanta sound bears a strange similarity to that of the Cleveland Orchestra, its creator will not demur: Levi reveres that illustrious ensemble. It is not surprising; after studying at the Guildhall in London, he spent six years in Cleveland as resident (or assistant) con-ductor: a period which changed his musical outlook forever.

In London on Sunday the ore shocks followed; orchestra plays Tchaikovsky Levi began restock-ing the orchestra composer, Stephen Paulus (best known here for his steamy opera The Postman Always Rings Twice). After a decade in America, Levi has learnt how to allay any fears of modern music. "The new work? Oh, very conservative, very colourful, very lovely,"

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Visual illiteracy

An artless British Library is a travesty,

says Richard Cork

magine, for one appalling moment, that the creators of the great gothic cathedrals had decided to leave their buildings unadorned. What would Chartres and its counterparts be like without the carvings, or the stained-glass win-

dows irradiating the shadows within? The notion of dispensing with such things is barbaric, but the government stands convicted of just such a crime. By abandoning its commitment to contribute to the expected £425,000 cost of a specially commissioned tapestry and sculptures for the new British Library, it is decreeing that art has no place even in the most ambitious new buildings. No wonder that the four external members of the committee formed to select the library's works of art have resigned. They were appointed two years ago by the arts minister himself, Sir Richard Luce, who rightly saw the £450 million building as a showcase for British art. Luce was personally committed to the idea: writing in 1987, he deplored the fact that enrichment of great buildings was stripped away in the stern functionalism of recent times". We are beginning, he wrote, "to realise just how much we have lost and how unsatisfying and lack-lustre buildings can become".

Unlike many contemporary architects, Colin St John Wilson, who designed the new British Library, has always pos-sessed a lively appetite for painting and sculpture. A distinguished collector of 20th-century art, he was determined from the outset to place appropriate works in carefully chosen sites within the building and on the piazza outside.

His first commission, for the western wall of the monumental entrance hall, was a colossal tapestry by R.B. Kitaj. No living painter is more of an obsessive bibliophile, and the tapestry was to be based on one of his most outstanding canvases: If Not, Not. It is a complex image: a half-tragic, half-lyrical meditation on a war-ravaged European landscape. Above all, the painting is indebted to Kitaj's fascination with T.S. Eliot's The Waste Land, a felicitous literary link with the contents of the building.

Sir Eduardo Paolozzi's arresting bronze statue of Newton was equally apt. Intended to confront visitors immediately inside the main entrance gateway, the heavily muscled figure would have sat on a plinth 12ft above the piazza. Engrossed in momentous calculations, it is openly based on William Blake's celebrated image of Newton plotting the universe with a pair of outsize dividers. But the picture was supposed to be satirical, with Newton shown on the ocean floor, oblivious to the wonders around him. Since Blake frowned on any attempt to reduce the mysteries of the cosmos to mathematical formulae, he posed in their visions of the world. The gulf between them attracted Paolozzi, bridging the arts and sciences in one troubling and ambiguous image.

cross the piazza, an amphitheatre is being built for poetry readings and other literary events. Antony Gormley won a competition to provide a series of large granite sculptures behind the seating. Each stone would have been incised with contours based, like much of Gormley's work, on the artist's own body. Wilson relishes the contrast between Paolozzi's bronze "where humanity seems to be moving towards the robot", and Gormley's "ageless granite on the point of becoming human'

Far from dispensable baubles, all these works are densely meditated images occupying integral sites within the design. If the government persists with its decision, it will deprive the British Library of essential enrichment, and imply that art has no role to play in the shaping of modern urban life.

Richard Dunn, chief executive of rejected Thames TV, argues that the franchise lottery puts ITV at risk

Television's blind date thing to say about Thames Television being outbid in the franchise contest is that one thousand highly skilled and experienced people will lose their jobs. They have worked hard to

provide a diverse service of high redundant as a result of an award quality for their viewers, a service system that has been described as rich in entertainment, informapossibly the most ludicrous in tion and education. Glance at corporate history". what's on ITV this week and you The second thing to say is that will see that for London audimany of the most popular proences these people are making

grammes on British television are now at risk. Nearly half the British-originated programmes in this Autumn's ITV weekday evening schedule are made by Thames, and they earn nearly half the network's ratings. Some of them may survive on ITV some may be bought by the BBC, and some may be seen only by those with satellite dishes. Certainly, the experienced team of television journalists who pro-duce This Week will be broken up after 35 years of current affairs reporting of the highest standard. as will many of our other specialised teams. The trained and talented staff who enabled Thames to produce for ITV big events like royal weddings, the Telethon, and the Rugby World Cup will be broken up as well. Other fine companies have

suffered the same summary "faxecution" after a fivemonth wait during which not one conversation with the ITC has taken place about our applications, and no account has been taken of our

The original objective of the ITV auction was to put downward pressure on costs. When the Peacock Committee reported in 1986, this was a

the Broadcasting Bill was before Parliament in 1990, overmanning and restrictive practices had been all but eliminated. The government wanted an objective and transparent method of allocation, yet what it came up with is an almost unintelli-

gible mixture of objective and

subjective judgments, with prac-

tically no viewer involvement.

legitimate aim, but by the time

wanted to estabvalue of ITV licences, but this backfired spectacularly when TVS bid £59.8 million and Central, unoppos-ed, bid £2,000. No reserve cash price for each licence was sel There was a bet-

Richard Dune: forced to shed 1,000 jobs

ter way. As the IBA and the ITV Association proposed, prices should have been set for each licence area, and the regulator should have selected the best quality offers from those willing to pay the price. Such decisions would have been no more subjective than those taken by the ITC at its quality hurdle. Ironically, this is the principle

upon which licences will be allocated for the next ten-year period. Thames Television is certain

viewers and shareholders. The public interest, as The Times pronounced in a leader, would best have been served "by prefer-ring those companies which have proved they can produce good programmes rather than those hat merely make promises". Regardless of who has won or

lost, this selection process has paralysed a first-class network, brought at least three years of profound uncertainty, and demoralised an industry for which Britain is world famous. ITV is still very much at risk. High bidders must run a federal system with low bidders; a new system of central scheduling and commissioning must be agreed within three months; the boisterous new will dispute with the experienced old; the old regulated power blocs will be replaced by less accountable concentrations of power, and the separation of production from responsibility for managing the schedule will affect the attain-

ment of excellence. For Thames, there are now new

objectives: to provide the most attractive service for our viewers and advertisers throughout 1992, and to become Britain's leading independent production com-pany from 1993. Already we attract more than a third of our revenue from sources other than advertising, and we will now offer to all channels our current programmes, new productions and popular repeats from our valuable and extensive library.

We will offer resources and facilities to individual producers and other independent production companies. We shall also nurture our investments, and be looking closely at re-entering broadcasting through the Astra satellite system. Channel 5, or, in two years' time, ITV.

Others have often referred to Thames Television as the flagship company. The flagship will soon leave the broadcast fleet to become a major programme producer. Some questions can only be answered in the mid-1990s. Which way will the winds of competition and high Treasury bills now blow the Channel 3 broadcasters? Will building a London programme rights "studio", as we now plan, prove a better bet? Who knows? But this flagship still feels it holds the compass.

Wanted: for daylight robbery

Bernard Levin cheers on a case against the government's policies

wish he hadn't. A.P., as he was always known, had an enormous number of careers: he was a lawyer, a poet, a novelist, playwright and songwriter, a sailor and an MP, in which last capacity he instituted, by a private member's bill, a reform of the divorce laws, which had not been touched for threequarters of a century.

Thames News, Thames Help,

Thames Reports, Thames Ac-tions, The City Programme and A

Problem Aired. For the ITV

network, they have made chil-

dren's programmes and the peak-

time programmes Strike it Lucky, The Bill, Mr Bean, Waugh Me-morial, This is Your Life and

You do not have to watch all

these Thames programmes - and scores of others such as Wish You

Were Here and Rumpole — to

know that they give pleasure and

enrich the lives of millions of

people. I have every reason to be

proud of my staff, proud of their

track record, proud of their

educational skills. They have

proved in all departments to be a

match for the best, and it is tragic

journalistic and

showbusiness,

I knew him quite well, and once literally brought tears to his eyes by reciting extempore to him one of his longest poems. But today particularly I wish he were here, because yet another of his avocations was the series of delightful mock courtroom battles he wrote under the title of Misleading Cases. (Delightful and mock, yes; but very many of them made a sound and significant point about our laws and customs. After his death some of them were dramatised for

today, because there is a real lawsuit moving through the law's ponderous stages, which would have made a Misleading Case without his needing to touch it, so exactly does it fit the genre. A.P. wrote Rex v Puddle, in which a Collector of Taxes was convicted of demanding money with menaces; he wrote Board of Inland Revenue v Haddock, in which the defendant wrote his tax-cheque on a cow ("Was the cow crossed?" "No, your worship, it was an open cow") and insisted that it was a valid method of payment; and he attempted (in reality, not in print) to prosecute

the House of Commons for allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages after the legal hour. But he did not write Harries v The British Government.

Mr Harries is an entrepreneur, living in Cardiff, and managing a

hat merry fellow A.P. wide variety of busi-Herbert died in 1971, nesses. He claims that he and today in particular I was doing well, and showing handsome profits, until the present government wrecked the economy and ruined him; no doubt many tradesmen and dealers would make the same complaint, but Mr Harries did more. He went to the High Court and launched an action against the government, demanding a million pounds in compensation.

This is not as startling as you might think. If I make and sell honey, and the man next door pours a couple of hundred gallons of cows' urine into my vats, I have a cause of action against him, and if the case is proved, he will certainly have to pay. Why, then, should there be any difference if a businessman has ed with metaphorical urine because of the government's indifference,

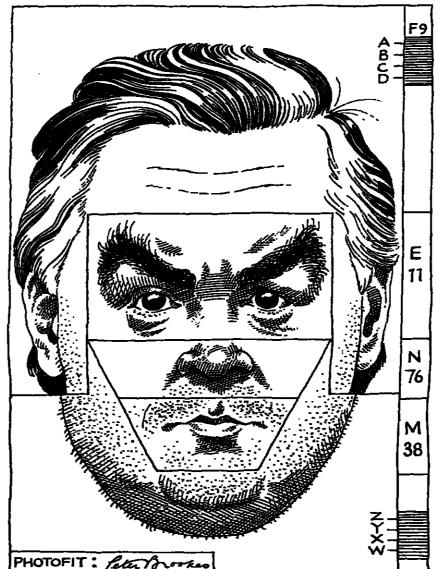
petence? Mr Harries's reply is short and to the point; there should not be any difference. And on that principle he has flung his pebble at Goliath. His pebble is his cat-

carelessness or incom-

alogue of complaints, and I cannot do better than record them in all their wickedness. The government has, to Mr Harries' detriment, been:

 Selling valuable public industries, such as water and the telephone service, at one quarter

 Creating a false economy in the 1980s and causing property prices to inflate at a time when Mr



Harries purchased four properties

● Not keeping proper control over the Bank of England, so that interest rates almost doubled and he had difficulty keeping up payments on his mortgage loans.

 Creating an economic climate in which demand for properties diminished dramatically, so that he was deprived of his collateral

and was unable to borrow more money, pay off creditors or diversify into other business.

· Causing continual and increasing unemployment which deprived him of enough customers with money to use his services.

 Causing him stress owing to the danger of business failure and penury and destitution".

proposing to lay criminal charges against members of the government (although he could find dozens: false pretences, conspiracy to defraud, trading when insolvent, spending clients' money without authorisation the list is endless). Mr Harries eschews vengeance: he wants only restitution, and I heartily

hope he gets it. His first move has been surprisingly successful; instead of being turned away from the court as a madman, he has been permitted to get his case on its feet; for how long remains to be seen. There was a hurried attempt by the Treasury solicitor to have the action struck out, but the court official in charge rejected the application, saying that the case was "worthy of consideration". Probably, the Attorney-General - he must be useful for something - will find a way to fiddle Mr Harries out of his case. But if not, our hero is determin

ed to finish what he has started. He may have established a precedent: with luck he may actually win. To be sure nobody claims that the government ruined the economy deliberately and with malice aforethought; the worst that can be charged against them is that they made terrible mistakes.

But remember my illustration with the honey and the urine; in our law a preventable accident is quite enough for damages; Mr Harries is demanding recompense, and if he can show that (a) the cause of his ruin was the way the government ran the economy and (b) they ran it in a way which they knew, or ought to have known, would be deleterious to all those who depended upon it,

he must get his reward. (A word of advice to Mr Harries: do not specify the quantum of damages you think appropriate. If you have a jury, you will probably get many millions anyway; if a judge, he might give you even more; I presume you know already that you should get Carman as your pleader, he'il have the courtroom a foot deep in tears by the end of the first day.)

ut it is the precedent that intrigues me most. Hitherto, there has been only one way for us to call the government to account, which is to turn it out at the next election. But this is obviously an unwieldy and indeed uncertain course; no individual can achieve it alone. There have, it is true, been cases in which some minister has been found to have exceeded his lawful powers or have acted unjustly, and such wrongs have been put right. But hitherto these cases were invariably specific; an exact and measurable wrong has been put exactly and measurably right. Mr Harries is a pioneer. If he wins, we shall be able to belabour the government in general with our complaints in general.

As you would expect of me. long to go further. I look forward to the day when ministers, brought to book for general rather than particular nuisances, can be put in prison for a minimum of 25 years, and others at least flogged. (It should not be necessary for me to say that if Mr Harries wins, I shall at once begin a campaign to have the Chancellor hanged.)

The village Hampden of Cathedrai Street, Cardiff, has ensured his place in history, whether he ally hope for a revolution (though I doubt Hampden expected the momentous consequences of his modest action), but if he wins he will have forged an instrument before which governments will quail, and even if he loses, they will conduct affairs with regular and frequent glances over their shoulders. Eppur si muore.

...and moreover Craig Brown

ne of the many delights of writing nonsense in newspapers is that every now and then a free gift arrives through the post. Mrs Kenward, who until a couple of months ago was the dovenne of nonsensewriters with her Jennifer's Diary column in Harpers & Queen, would regularly devote a long paragraph to thanking delightful manufacturers for being so kind as to send her, out of the goodness of their hearts, their splendid products. The delightful manufacturers, delighted that Jennifer should be so delighted and so publicly delighted at that - would then delight her further by sending her even more delightful products. Result: delight all round. It is damning testament to my

inferior powers of enthusiasm. alas, that manufacturers of scarves, perfumes, beauty products and knitwear have so far avoided me. I suppose I appeal more to what one might call the bottom end of the market. So nothing could have prepared me for the delight (not too

strong a word, I think) with which I greeted my free gift in vesterday's post. Two weeks ago, I wrote in this column about Top of the Pops. Hey presto! Yesterday, I received Perseverance: The Official Newsletter of the Slade International Fan Club. At last, a major victory over Mrs Kenward.

I feel sure all readers of The Times know who, or what, Slade are, or is. Even the most ascetic this remember the glory days reader will be able to hum the when advance sales alone were

tunes of "Coz I Luv You" (Number 1 in October 1971), "Look Wot You Dun" (Number 4 in February 1972) and "Cum on Feel the Noize" (Number 1 in March 1973) and "Skweeze Me Pieeze Me" (Number 1 in June 1973) without reference to their song-sheets. But for those whose memories are a little rusty, I am delighted to recommend a subscription to "Percy", as it is

known by its editor, Malc. Let me whet your appetites. Perseverance opens in a rather more intimate way than regular readers of The Times may be used to ("Hi Howya doin") before announcing, in spelling the group might envy, a new single by Slade. Everyone who has heard it, says Malc, "reckons that it is definate TOP 40 material and will put the Boyz back were they should be, chartbound". The "B" side, too, is "a belting rocker with Nod stuffing the verbals right into your eardrums, great stuff Dave".

The possibility of a return to the charts by Slade is a constant theme of the newsletter, for, as you will remember, Slade's last single to scrape into the Top 100 was the lazily-spelt "Still The Same", which reached Number 73 for two weeks in 1987. As the title of its newsletter implies, the fan club was formed at Slade's nadir. "Slade fans are a very rare breed, like the band themselves, they have stuck together when the chips were down ... I wonder how many people reading

enough to put the latest Slade release into the top slot", writes Dave Percival in a profile of the average Slade fan. After some much-requested

song-sheets, including the full lyrics to "I'me mee, I'm now an' that's or!" (chorus: "We gotta hold tight, yeh / And can't you see they're lettin we through / We gotta hold tight yeh / And can't you see they're lettin ... etc, etc), there is a Postbag ("The new single is brilliant, Slade back in rockin form again, if this is not a major hit then there is no justice in the world - Kenny Beli, Newcastle"), followed by a Fan File in which the leading British collector of Slade memorabilia, Mark Richards, reports on a meeting with the leading French collector, Gerard Goyer. Gerard's collection "is without doubt the most complete in the world". The two are pictured performing the traditional Slade sideways thumbs-up while brandishing two Slade albumcovers. "Slade were very big in France in the early 70's", says Gerard, "but when their decline started in the late 70's very few people remained loyal to the band. There are still quite a few fans over here but we live far

The enthusiasm is contagious. Will the new single be Slade's first hit in eight years? I agree with Malc: "Get yourself off down to the record shop, order a couple of copies and tell a dozen freinds." As Mrs Kenward might say, a Slade Number One would be a reel delite.

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Prince's press gang

LABOUR really is becoming respectable these days. Even royalty is now recruiting its staff from the ranks of Walworth Road.

In a setback to Neil Kinnock's general election plans, it emerged yesterday that Colin Byrne, Labour's chief press officer, is to quit politics for the world of polo and country house estates. The Labour eader tried hard to persuade Byrne to stay, but he has turned Kinnock down in order to work for the Prince of Wales.

He will work for the Prince's Trust, doing press work for the Business in the Community project and the Prince of Wales Business Leaders' Forum in December. "I have always admired Prince Charles," says Byrne. "It is the first job that I have seen for several years which I was interested in."

Only three months ago Byrne was at the centre of a row which led to the resignation of John Underwood, who had succeeded Peter Mandelson as Labour's communications director. Underwood went to Kinnock with a "him or me" ultimatum, only for the Labour leader to back Byrne, who was one of Mandelson's closest lieutenants. Byrne failed to succeed Mandelson, and never hit it off with Underwood, who did. The move establishes interesting links between the Prince's office and Labour leader Neil Kinnock. Byrne is engaged to Kinnock's

 Can faxes save the day in wartorn Zagreb? An international graphics exhibition due to open in November has been left bereft of entries from around the world as communications crumble due to the civil war. But contact by fax

press secretary, Julie Hall.



remains unaffected. The call is for graphic designers to fax designs suitable for peace posters and leaflets to help end the fighting in Croatia. May the fax prove mightier than the sword.

TV eye

THE cameras were turned on the television companies who had lost their franchises yesterday, posing the tricky problem of how to report their own bad news. TV-am had it easy. It came off air at 9.25, missing by half an hour the news of its own demise.

Thames was not so lucky. It resisted the temptation to play funereal music - just - but the tone of its regional news bulletins was sombre. Carlton, the company that beat it, received barely a mention. Instead of jolly shots of champagne bottles being cracked open at its rivals' headquarters, it showed gloomy sound-bites from Thames's own employees, dismayed at the decision. One piece of film was conspicuously absent: the dramatic moment when the fax bearing the bad news arrived at the Thames offices. "We decided not to film that as a matter of com-

pany policy," said a spokesman. At TV South West, the mood was marginally more up-beat. They gave their own defeat the main slot on the six o'clock pro-

gramme, featuring an interview

with their successful rivals, Westcountry Television. "We are play-ing it very square," said John rent affairs. "We will be fully

objective to the last." The accolade for professionalism, however, must go to TVS. "It's just another story," insisted David Morris Jones, the company's head of news.

Musical mufti

JEANS ruled in the orchestra pit at Covent Garden this week Mu-sicians eschewed the customary black tie in favour of more casual attire on Tuesday night as a protest against the management.

The orchestra is taking industrial action in an attempt to improve basic salaries," read a samphlet handed out in the crush bar by musicians before they rushed to take their seats in the pit for the performance of Rigoletto. We are the only section of the Royal Opera House who have to pay for our tools and clothing." The orchestra calculates that the



total cost of its instruments ex-

ceeds £2 million. Covent Garden would only say that negotiations are "in progress". But the audience, invitedto show their support by the degree of their applause, appeared more than sympathetic. The ovation was said to be deafening

 Last week the Diary reproduced an example of Kenneth Clarke's illegible handwriting. Now the chairwoman of the governors of a school in Middlesex has received a letter from the education secretary which indicates that his grammar. too, fails to come up to the stan-dards expected under the national curriculum. It is addressed "to all chairman of governors of LEA and grant-maintained schools".

Post facto?

AMERICA'S Washington Post prides itself on probing investigations into the capital's skulduggery. But this week it had to apologise for an article about Jus-tice Clarence Thomas which brushed aside Anita Hill's allegations of sexual harassment. The writer may have had his own reason: he turned out to be under investigation for similar alleged conduct.

When confronted with this uncomfortable suggestion, the journalist, Juan Williams, said he had written his column before he "had any knowledge of any investigation". And anyway, he went on: My journalistic ethics and the ethics of the newspaper were never compromised."

Leonard Downie, the paper's executive editor, had to admit to readers that he had "mistakenly failed to inform" Williams's section editor about the enquiry.

 A Danish newspaper has imposed a 100-day moratorium on its political coverage. Jan Kjaerjaard. a political reporter with Extra-bladet, says: "Our readers are bored by parliament because the government doesn't come up with anything original. So we are staying away for the moment." Will British papers follow?

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Nobody - neither minister nor television company, programme-maker nor viewer believes that the way the commercial television oligopoly was reordered yesterday was anything other than a fiasco. The prime beneficiaries are a mere handful of private shareholders and the Treasury. That the new structure has at least some of the better features of the old one is largely due to the Independent Television Commission. Making the best of a terrible job, it has led the bull of market forces out of the china shop of British television licencing without too many breakages. The government should never ask such a task of it again.

Just four of the 16 incumbent television franchise-holders were sacrificed to shake up the industry, let in new blood, and warn the others against complacency. In no case does a franchise appear to have been lost simply because more money was bid by a competitor. This negated the central and silly, principle on which the "auction system" was supposed to work: that the more money a company gave the Treasury, and thus the less money it had left for programmemaking, the greater was its entitlement to a franchise. The ITC determined to let what are termed "quality" considerations override financial ones. The discretionary judgment of a panel of the great and good - the very mechanism the government wanted to replace with simple market forces - has thus saved the bacon of the old industry moguls.

Some of the resulting justice is rough. That LWT and Sunrise should have riches showered on them while Thames and TVam are cast into utter darkness seems cruel. None of the existing franchise-holders was a public-service broadcasting angel. The ITC's susceptibility to "loss leader" programming and lobbying shows how little has changed from the old system. But whether the losers can cry all the way to the courts is doubtful. The Broadcasting Act 1990 was carefully drafted to avoid any such unedifying review.

Nor is the outlook all gloom. Some of the losers may move into satellite and cable, expanding consumer choice there. The existing franchise-holders have made great strides in slimming down their bloated establishments and in encouraging independent producers. Both the BBC and the commercial companies must now move further in the direction of shared production and programmes "bought in" from independent producers. Two of the four newcomers, Carlton (replacing Thames in the weekday London slot) and Meridian, TVS's successor in the south of England, propose to rely heavily on outside production for entertainment and drama while concentrating their in-house output on news and current affairs.

These "publisher-contractor" companies operate by commissioning programmes from other producers, in the manner pioneered by Channel 4. This should expand finance available to the independent production sector, the most creative area in British television. Carlton has been an independent producer, involved in such well-acclaimed programmes as Inspector Morse. In a reversal of roles. Carlton could make room for Thames to become an independent programme-maker itself. Thames is potentially the largest independent in Europe.

So much, so good. But auctioning terrestrial commercial television was always intended to benefit the Treasury not the television viewer. The result must be fewer resources available for programme-making and thus for competing with the cheap products on offer from the American television industry.

Certainly the ITC has encouraged a trend away from the corporate uniformity of television in the 1970s and 1980s, towards a richer mixture of franchise-holders and independents. With luck it has also paved the way for a greater diversity of nonterrestrial programmes on the nation's screens. But as this year's equally chaotic award of commercial radio franchises showed, Britain is no nearer a coherent broadcasting policy. With the BBC's franchise next in line for renewal, that lacuna must soon be filled.

EUROPEAN POLITICAL ARMY

In the public relations battle over European defence, the French appear to have won the latest bout. Two days after a deceptively emollient visit to London by Roland Dumas and Pierre Joxe, the French foreign and defence ministers, France and Germany have published a plan for a joint 50,000-man force which they hope will become an embryonic European army of up 100,000.

the treaty on political union. They are intended to turn the Western European Union into the European Community's defence arm. They have caused as much surprise and pique in London as the recent Anglo-Italian plan, linking the WEU firmly to Nato, caused in Paris. Washington has carefully played the proposal down as one among many in the run-up to Maastricht, but the Pentagon's distaste for any "European pillar" of defence which seemed to count America out is no secret.

The plan is something of a coup for France, coming after many setbacks to its efforts to construct a European defence entity independent of Nato. The Dutch, now holding the presidency, have been fiercely opposed to the idea and the Italians have defected to the British camp. The Germans, anxious to do nothing to prompt a strategic American withdrawal from Europe but also out to reassure France that the Franco-German "couple" was still firmly wedded, were clearly playing on both sides of the net.

President Mitterrand badly needed to regain the initiative. France has been playing its cards clumsily of late. It is in unaccustomed conflict with the European Commission over mergers, industrial policy and Japanese cars. M Mitterrand's attempt to upstage the Dutch presidency by inviting EC members to Paris last week to discuss defence backfired. Quarrels with Bonn over Yugoslavia have compounded French suspicions that a united Germany is no longer a reliably pliant partner.

At home M Mitterrand is increasingly portrayed as a tired leader, preferring the political landscape of the Cold War to the new realities. But he is not the only one who has been beached by the end of the Cold War. The Gaullist legacy is an anachronism which nobody yet dares quite to disclaim but which inhibits public discussion of conscription, France's role in Nato and the embarrassing military lessons France learned from the Gulf war. Such questions have become mixed with the larger end-ofera dissatisfaction with the government.

Herr Kohl's signature on France's defence proposals is thus symbolically important. German motives are clear: Bonn believes that bowing to the French is the best way of coaxing them back fully into Nato. Germany also may hope to obtain a stronger French commitment to-political union, including a common foreign policy and more powers for

the European parliament. Whatever its reservations about monetary union, which are growing, the German government continues to believe passionately in a federal Europe. But it is keeping all options open. Is Germany really willing for decisions on Yugoslavia to be taken by majority vote? Will Bonn risk alienating America on Nato?

The WEU is emerging as the crucial institution in the rival defence plans, with a tug-of-war between Britain and France on how far it can be pulled away from Nato and into a new Community defence structure. Despite the latest Franco-German proposals, the Anglo-Italian plan still seems to command greater EC support. But the latest Franco-German army manoeuvre is a sobering reminder that Britain cannot count on enlisting either against the other on the home stretch to Maastricht.

DEGENERATE ART

Two still-life pastels by a minor Austrian artist of the early 20th century named Adolf Hitler, painted at the ages of 12 and 22, were sold at auction in Yorkshire yesterday for £1,600 and £1,500 respectively. Such a sale is remote from art: the price was determined by the market in nazi memorabilia. All the same, the thought that Hitler's work should be evaluated not on moral but on purely aesthetic grounds is subversive of several cherished assumptions about the relationship between art and morality. Integrity may be wedded to art, but talent is promiscuous.

The very ordinariness of Hitler's daubs is disconcerting: surely the author of National Socialism must have painted in a nazi style? Yet they are merely mediocre examples of a genre common at the time. Goebbels, his most faithful lieutenant, wrote an autobiographical novel, Michael, which ranks among the lesser examples of expressionist literature in the early 1920s. Only a handful of genuine artists held nazi views. The poet Gottfried Benn, the painter Emil Nolde, the conductor Herbert von Karajan all compromised their independence, yet their work during the Third Reich is rightly remembered as among their best.

The modern artform par excellence, the cinema, can be no less sinister in its disjunction between grandeur of style and servility of content. Leni Riefenstahl's films for the nazis still confer undeserved glamour upon the detestable; Eisenstein's epics impress despite their ideological ballast.

Architecture, from the Pyramid of Cheops to the Prince of Wales's projected Poundbury townscape at Dorchester, has always had an eminently political function; and yet the integrity of the architect is remarkably difficult for the dictator to subvert. Even if the prince's architectural adviser, Leon Krier, is an authority on Albert Speer's architecture, the influence of Hitler's favourite architect does not taint this anglicised idyll of neoclassicism. Music, the most abstract of the arts, is

often posthumously arraigned before the court of conscience. Did not the cock crow for composers such as Richard Strauss or Hans Pfitzner when they acquiesced in the nazi ban on Jewish composers such as Mahler or Mendelssohn? Was not Shostakovich compromised by his public selfinculpation at Stalin's behest, despite his private views? Indeed; but these are all supreme masters, whom to censure would be a greater mistake than their own cowardice.

From Nietzsche's dictum that the world could only be justified as an aesthetic phenomenon, to Wittgenstein's revision of ethics as a branch of aesthetics, the view of art as value-free and morally neutral has gained ground this century. But it would be nice to think that artists of the next century will feel compelled neither to make excuses for the world, nor to exclude from considcration the values which make it bearable. At its best, art can seem to be the saving grace bequeathed by an invisible deity to the human race after it had made a muddle of more direct paths to salvation. At its worst, art is . . . a still-life by Adolf Hitler.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Tunnel firms and 'oath of silence'

From the Chief Executive of Eurotunnel

Sir, In your Business pages, Com-ment (October 16) urged Eurotunnel to "revoke" an "oath of silence" about the Channel tunnel project to which, it said, the member comof Transmanche Link (TML), our contractor, are sworn. The facts are as follows:

1. The member companies in TML proposed a confidentiality clause as part of their submission to the British and French governments in 1985. Those TML members then drafted it into their construction contract for Eurotunnel in 1986. It was not imposed on them and it resembles standard clauses in the construction industry.

2. The key clause signed by TML in 1986 after the above process has been 9 (3): "The Contractor (TML') shall not, without the prior written approval of the Employer (Eurotunnel') ... impart to any publication, journal, or newspaper or any radio or television programme, any information relating to the Works."

3. It has been recognised, explicitly, between Eurotunnel and TML that quoted companies must honour their duty to give adequate and accurate information in statements to the Stock Exchange and to their shareholders in order to assure fair trading in their shares. Eurotunnel is a quoted group, so are all the British and French member companies of TML, but not TML. At no time has Eurotunnel ever intervened to prevent the member companies of TML reporting accurately and fully.

Your Comment column confirmed we have met our respon-

sibility to shareholders with our half-year report. I confirm again that the member companies of TML are free to meet the same responsibility subject to accuracy. That has been understood, explicitly, between Eurotunnel and those companies all along.
Two further points of informa-

1. As always, Eurotunnel's reports to shareholders are considered and approved by its Anglo-French board

of directors. 2. With regard to claims, little has changed since the details set out in our prospectus in November 1990. Recent developments were spelled out in our annual report in April and our half-year statement last week. Other material developments are being reported appropriately.

It is clear to me that journalists following this project find that TML spokespersons and "sources close to TML" are very free with adverse comments about Eurotunnel to the media. It seems the alleged "gag" is only pleaded when the question asked is inconvenient to TML or its member companies.
As for comments attributed to

TML itself over the past few days, if necessary legal judgment can be given later, to us or our shareholders, whether they are in breach of contract or intended to injure the value of our shareholders' interest in this enterprise. Yours faithfully ALASTAIR MORTON, Chief Executive,

Eurotunnel. Victoria Plaza, 111 Buckingham Palace Road, SW1. October 16.

Sir, The award of the Nobel peace

prize to Daw Suu Kyi is a long

overdue sign of the impatience of

the free world with the successive

Your leader (October 15) con-

present dictatorship has been able to

ignore the irrefutable wishes of the

Burmese people. In view of the

previous British interests in Burma

we have a special responsibility for

oppressive regimes in Burma.

up the military government.

well-endowed country.

37 West Hill Avenue.

Epsom, Surrey.

l am, Sir, yours faithfully, BERNARD VYVYAN,

Brighton to Blackpool

Sir, Lord Home of The Hirsel

(October 9) is mistaken. It is applied

state capitalism rather than "applied

socialism" which "has brought an

unacceptably low standard of liv-

ing" to the peoples of Eastern

Europe. Socialism, which according

to my dictionary is supposed to

place the means of production and

distribution in the hands of the

community, has never been at-

tempted there. What Lord Home

has done is to follow Lenin in using

"socialism" as a synonym for "the

dictatorship of the proletariat" led

warning is no longer necessary; for

the Conservative party has just spent some time in Blackpool de-

nouncing the Labour party for aban-

doning the principles which Lord

Home erroneously associates with

the former regimes of Eastern Europe.

Regent's College, Inner Circle, Regent's Park, NW1.

Sir, The contents of a recently

purchased tin of smoked brisling,

produced in Scotland, is listed as:

"Brisling, vegetable oil, salt, liquid smoke." Can the latter be a product

of Scotch mist and peat fires?

A. C. MURPHY, 74 Beacon Way, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire.

Fishy business?

From Mr A. C. Murphy

But it may be that Lord Home's

by the Communist party.

Yours faithfully,

Yours faithfully

BRIAN THOMAS,

From Professor Brian Thomas

Peace prize sign Croatian heritage From Mr Bernard Vyvyan From Mr John Sell and

Ms Jane Wade

Sir. As more information comes to us from our rural architecture members in Croatia it does seem to us that some Serbians are trying not just to annex large parts of Croatia or even stop at preventing Croatian independence but rather to destroy the Croatian heritage both cultural and natural.

Our concern is, of course, for the people of Yugoslavia but also with an important part of the European heritage. It is unthinkable that the world should be asked to accept the destruction of such beautiful Venetian towns as Dubrovnik, Hvar and Korcula, the timber houses of Pannonia or the fragile natural beauty of the Plitvice lakes. This European cultural issue. Dubrovnik and the Plitvice lakes are World Heritage sites designated by Unesco.

We call upon people concerned at the destruction of this European heritage to write to Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, expressing their dismay at Serbia's irresponsibility.

Yours etc. JOHN SELL (Chairman), JANE WADE (Rapporteur), Ecovast (Rural Architecture Working Group of the European Council for the Village and Small Town) 17 Daleham Mews, NW3. October 15.

Rolls-Royce rejection From Lord Caldecote, FEng

Sir, You reported on October 10 (Business) the damage done to Rolls-Royce by British Airways' refusal to buy Rolls-Royce Trent engines for its Boeing 777 fleet, which was largely to blame for All Nippon Airways' decision not to choose Rolls-Royce engines.

ANA's senior vice-president said it was a shock to us when BA said they would not be using Rolls-Royce". BA's comment simply re-ferred to "the best interests of BA and our shareholders".

In 1964 a merchant banker succeeded the late Sir Matthew Slattery as chairman of British Overseas Airways Corporation, which had placed large orders with British Aircraft Corporation for VC10s and super-VC10s. The new chairman cancelled these orders and ordered instead Boeing 707 aircraft, on the grounds that this was best for BOAC. This decision, incidentally taken on false premises, did im-mense damage to the British civil aircraft industry from which it has never recovered.

Will we never learn that in the long run what is bad for Britain is bad business?

Yours faithfully, CALDECOTE, House of Lords. October 11.

the England XV.

Rugby rainbow From Mr J. G. Ackerley

Sir, Although I am not a rugby enthusiast I can well understand the anger felt by Christian, Lady. Hesketh (letter, October 12) concerning the garish change of strip of

Many of us soccer devotees still lament the day when the late Don Revie somehow persuaded other "tasteless vulgarians" to dispense with the classic white and black colours which had graced the England XI for generations.

Yours faithfully, J. G. ACKERLEY 4 Haygate Drive, Wellington. Telford, Shropshire. October 12.

An unreal picture of life at Oxford

From Dr Paul M. Hayes

Sir, The intemperate and highly personalised article by Peter Roebuck, "Feeble Keble disgraced by Weston snub" (October 12), will do nothing to assist the prospects of games players who would like to come to Oxford. Those here who are hostile to games will have had their who are friendly will not be encouraged.

The picture painted both of the university and Keble College is unreal. Mr Roebuck has chosen a number of isolated incidents and drawn general conclusions from particular events. It is rather like arguing that because on occasions he failed, Bradman was not a great player. As Mr Roebuck has apparently made no effort to talk to me, or to anyone else at Keble, it is hard to know upon what evidence he bases his assertions about my values, interests or outlook on life.

At Keble, during the 26 years 1 have been a tutor, many sportsmen, and, more recently, sportswomen, have been pupils of mine. I have had much experience of what needs to be done in order to combine sporting achievement with the fulfilment of academic potential. The case of Philip Weston was judged accordingly, I did not think that, given all his other commitments during both term and vacation, it would have been possible for him to combine a cricket tour of Pakistan with the academic work required of him. This decision was not taken lightly, and was done with regret. As a matter of fact, contrary to Mr Roebuck's assertion, I did not refuse Mr Weston a place for 1992 - I said I could not reserve one for him.

Mr Roebuck clearly knows next to nothing about Keble, which has had an excellent sporting record for many years. Among my own pupils who finished in 1991 may be numbered David Pfaff (hockey and cricket blues, and the only distinction in the diploma in social studies), Robert MacDonald (squash cisely sets out the reasons why the and cricket blues and the master of studies in history) and David Norwood (chess grand master and a 2.1 in modern history). They are the most recent of a long line and they are being followed by others.

leading the campaign in the United Frankly, it is their respect which I Nations to prevent the support of would wish to have - not that of Mr arms suppliers and traffickers in Roebuck, who even supposes that teak and other goods from propping the author of the phrase "in the long run we are all dead" was an Oxford The recent emerging strength of man. Like Mr Roebuck, J. M. the United Nations will be much Keynes was from Cambridge. enhanced if it can put an end to this Yours faithfully,

PAUL M. HAYES (Senior tutor). mese people to live free lives in their Keble College, Oxford.

From Mr G. B. T. Lovell Sir, The case involving Keble College and Philip Weston has been most unfortunate. It has given Oxford University and its sport (particularly cricket) some very poor publicity when, truthfully, real progress has been made to redress a declining situation.

Let us remember firstly that Keble and its senior tutor did accept Weston. Whether other Oxford colleges would have done so is unknown, but, in the past, candidates of his dual proven abilities have been rejected. This is significant. The prime example is the incumbent Cambridge cricket captain, John Crawley (also a former England under-19 captain), who was re-

jected by an Oxford college last year. Let us remember, too, the importance of maintaining academic standards. Had Weston come up to Oxford, he might have passed his exams with distinction, but, from my own experience, I would have found a full Oxford cricket season as well as a six-week tour to Pakistan worst suspicions confirmed; those extremely difficult to cope with academically. This appears to have been the case with a Cambridge blue

from last year who went on the

England under-19 tour to New Zea-

land. He has since left that univer-

sity because, it seems, he could not

cope with the backlog of work.
Weston's decision was not an easy one, but, as was made clear, his cricket career would not have been hampered had he refused to go on tour. Oxford and Cambridge universities are the best cricket nurseries in the world for those who want to obtain a first-class education as well, and the opportunity was (and still is)

there for Weston. Roebuck is wrong to assert that. had he been a musician or ballet dancer, the situation would have been different. Had he been either of those, his best opportunities would have been provided by the royal academies. In the case of cricket, Oxford and Cambridge are unique in their positions to compete at the top domestic level. The status of Oxford, as a "seat of cricket learn-

ing", should not be downgraded.

There are now established links with schools, and more colleges are accepting the ideal of the games-

playing scholar. I consider it one of the highest privileges to have been accepted into Oxford. If only Weston could see it in a similar light, then perhaps we could see him playing in Oxford colours in the near future.

Yours etc., G. B. T. LOVELL (Captain, Oxford University Cricket Club, 1992), Exeter College, Oxford.

From Mr F. H. Pedley Sir, Peter Roebuck should know better than to write in such splenetic terms about Keble's insistence on academic study taking priority over sport. Seventeen days out of a term is more than a quarter of the time available. Dr Hayes (quoted in the article) is quite right: universities do not exist to promote sporting activities, however fanatical some may have become about them. Thank goodness someone is sane enough to insist on the standards which are so necessary in this country. If Cambridge colleges wish to abandon academic standards, they will live to regret it in years to come. Yours faithfully,

F. H. PEDLEY Hill Top, Oldfield, Keighley. West Yorkshire.

From Mr Barry J. Carter Sir, Not the least depressing aspect of Keble's inflexibility towards Philip Weston is that Oxford University appears to have no such scruples about recruiting overseas sportsmen of mature years and proven international calibre for their rugby and rowing teams, to the disadvantage of younger and British undergraduates.

Yours faithfully BARRY CARTER (Senior lecturer in history, Oxford Polytechnic), 10 Bankside, Headington Quarry,

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charitable activity. They do not pay

corporation tax, however, because

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company that covenants any profits

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the Inland Revenue is always help-

ful. To cite a specific example, in

1979 we assisted the University of

Keele in the setting up of its trading

company to exploit commercially

such assets as its main-frame com-

puter, expert consultancies and

Universities and polytechnics

should be on maximum alert; if the

Inland Revenue is now on the scene,

HM Customs and Excise will soon

join them with demands for VAT,

an infinitely more complex subject.

Pricing rail travel From Mr Gareth Howell

Sir, I am intrigued by the new way of pricing rail travel in this country. Traditionally, ticket prices have been calculated on a cost per mile basis: however, we seem to be entering an era where an additional factor, "quality of service", is also to

have been assessed (by whom?) as being capable of delivering a higher service level and can therefore bear a higher tariff. Is the public to be made aware of this enhanced service level? And can we expect fares to fall on these "premium" lines if the operator fails to achieve these higher service levels? Or is this just another clever marketing trick to justify extracting more money out of a captive audience?

Explosives safeguards From the Chief Constable.

Sir. Bernard Levin's article, "Break,

enter and be damned" (October 7), is a wholly unwarranted attack upon the integrity and professionalism of the police service and does little credit to your newspaper. The Control of Explosives

Regulations 1991 come into effect on November 1. Their main provisions are to replace the present six types of explosive certificates with one (thereby considerably reducing the administrative bureaucracy), and to designate the chief officer of police as the enforcement authority for explosive storage and recordkeeping for all stores except factories and magazines.

in the latter regard the chief officer will be making adequate arrangements for the enforcement of the regulations and will be respon-sible for the appointment of certain police officers as inspectors under the Health and Safety at Work Act. Sports letters, page 36 Such appointments will be strictly PO Box 59, Liverpool, Merseyside.

From Mr A. L. Richards Sir, I am surprised by your report (October 10) that the Inland Revenue intends to impose retrospec-

tive taxation on the business activities of universities and polytechnics. be used in the calculation.

Presumably, the "premium" lines Yours faithfully,

GARETH HOWELL Letchworth, Hertfordshire. October 15.

limited in number and properly certified.

Merseyside Police

foundation.

vicarious liability for the actions of all officers under my command and have, during the course of widespread discussions with all interested parties including representatives of the shooting organisations, given due assurances that any actions emanating from the enforcement of the regulations will be carried out in a proper, regulated and considerate manner. Yours sincerely,

JIM SHARPLES (Chairman, Association of Chief Police Officers).

The existence of wide-ranging

powers does not imply a vigorous enforcement and most certainly not in the manner described in the article. All actions by inspectors will be strictly supervised in accordance with a very detailed code drawn up by the Health and Safety Executive. To suggest that such officers will abuse powers in the manner portrayed is completely without

As chief constable I have a

Yours faithfully, TONY RICHÁRDS (Managing Director). Greathill Limited

lettings.

(Charity management services), 53 Hestercombe Avenue, SW6.

Rural mayhem From Mrs C. A. Baudrand

Sir, The following advertisement has appeared in your property section for the last week: "A Manor

house with 5 recs, 10 beds... dovecote, dead gardener . . . " Should one therefore presume that no (under)takers have been forthcoming?

Yours faithfully, C. A. BAUDRAND, D. J. Knight & Company, 10 Greville Place, NW6. October 14.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -(071 782 5046).



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 16: His Excellency Mr Joseph Small was received in audience by The Duke of York and The Prince Edward, Counsellors of State acting on behalf of The Queen, and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Pleni-potentiary from the Republic of

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy: Miss Paula Slattery (Counsellor), Mr Joseph Hayes (Counsellor), Mr Vincent Keane (Counsellor, Agriculture), Mr Michael Fahy (Counsellor, Economic and Commercial), Mr Sean Farrell (First Secretary), Mr Paul Murray (First Secretary), Mr Brendan McMahon (First Secretary) and Mrs Melanie Pine (First Secretary, Labour). Their Royal Highnesses also

Mr Nigel Broomfield (Deputy Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in

attendance.
The Duke of York and The Prince Edward, Counsellors of State acting on behalf of The Queen, held a Council at

12.40 pro.
There were present: The Right
Hon John MacGregor, MP
(Lord President), the Right Hon Peter Lilley, MP (Secretary of State for Trade and Industry), the Right Hon Malcolm Rifkind MP (Secretary of State for Transport) and the Right Hon Angela Rumbold, MP (Minister of State, Home

Office). The Right Hon John MacGregor, MP had an audience of Their Royal Highnesses before the Council

Mr Geoffrey de Deney was in attendance as Clerk of the

By command of The Queen, Lieutenant General Sir John Richards (Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps) called upon His Excellency Mr Leonid Zamyatin at 13 Kensington Palace Gardens, W8 this morning in order to bid farewell to His Excellency upon relinquishing his appointment as October 16: The Duke of Kent, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the Court of St James's.

The Duchess of York Patron and attended a lecture at the Palace Gardens. W8 this morn-

Association, this afternoon attended a briefing with Research Advisors at the Charing Cross and Westminster Medical RN, was in attendance. Schools, Margravine Road, THATCHED HOUSE LODGE London, W6 8RP. October 16: Princess Alexandra

presentation and dinner in Hospital for the Clergy. support of the Award in St James's Palace.

O'Dwyer was in attendance. Graham).
The Princess Royal, President, Riding for the Disabled attendance.

Association, today attended the Association's 66th Meeting of the Council at Saddlers Hall, Gutter Lane, Cheapside,

Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, held a Save the Children Fund Industry and Commerce Group Meeting and Reception for Save the Children Fund Corporate Members at Buckingham

This evening The Princess Royal attended the Horse of the Year Ball at the London Hilton, Park Lane.
Mrs Richard Carew Pole was

KENSINGTON PALACE

October 16: The Princess of Wales attended a gala dinner at Cliveden, near Maidenhead, to mark the 150th anniversary of the Thomas Cook Group.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith
and Mr Patrick Jephson were in

KENSINGTON PALACE October 16: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snow-don, Colonel-in-Chief, Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nurs ing Corps, was present this evening at a Reception given by the Corps at the Royal Hospital,

Chelsea.

Mrs Charles Vyvyan and
Major The Lord Napier and
Ettrick were in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE October 16: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, this

afternoon attended a Service to mark the 70th Anniversary of the Liverpool Branch of the Royal British Legion in Liverpool Cathedral. Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Merseyside (Mr

Henry Cotton).

Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott

was in attendance. The Duchess of Gloucester this evening attended a Fashion Show in aid of The Royal Marsden Hospital Leukaemia
Unit at the All England Lawn
Tennis and Croquet Club,
Wimbledon, London, SW19.
Mrs Michael Wigley was in

the Court of St James's.

The Duchess of York, Patron of the Motor Neurone Disease Institute, Whitehall, London

October 16: Princess Alexandra this afternoon attended a tendance. Thanksgiving Service in St The Prince Edward, Trustee Paul's Cathedral, followed by a of The Duke of Edinburgh's Reception at Guildhall, to mark Award, this evening attended a the Centenary of St Luke's

Her Royal Highness was received by the Right Hon the Lieutenant Colonel Sean Lord Mayor (Sir Alexander

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.A.I. Atkinson and Miss C.E. Burrows The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs A.C. Atkinson, of Coach House, Great Horkesley, Colchester, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.D. Burrows, of Copyhold, Bury, Sussex.

Mr J.R. Brewster and Miss A.F. Vernon The engagement is announced between James Radelyffe, eldest son of Mr J.W. Brewster, OBE, of Reigate, Surrey, and Mrs Charles Cullum, of Twickenham, Middlesex, and Amanda Frances, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Roderick Vernon, of Horsell,

Mr A.M. Brough and Miss F.R. Hay and Miss F.R. Hay The engagement is announced between Alasdair, son of Mr and

Mrs A. Brough, of 61 Lightridge Road, Fixby, Huddersfield, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.L. Hay, of Hillfield House, Scragged Oak Road, Detling, Maidstone. Mr A.R. Cappelletti and Miss A.S. Boocher

The engagement is announced between Alberto Raffaele, elder son of Dr Luciano Cappelletti and the late Signora Cappelletti, of Rome, and Alice Sophia, elder daughter of Colonel and Mrs William Boucher, of Lee Priory, Ickham.

Mr J.J. Chaffer

and Miss B.M. Peel The engagement is announced between Jason, son of Mr and Mrs John Chaffer, of Whitchurch Hill, Berkshire, and Elizabeth, daughte Belinda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter (and Mrs John Peel, of Fairford, Stalbridge, Dorset.

Gloucestershire. Mr R.E.O'G. Kirwan

between Robert, eldest son of Mr and Mrs E.O.G. Kirwan, of Radlett, Hertfordshire, and Catherine, youngest daughter of Mr H.C. Sims and of the late Mrs L.G. Sims, of Clitheroe,

St Luke's Hospital for the Clergy

Princess Alexandra attended a rincess Alexandra attended a service of thanksgiving held yesterday in St Paul's Cathedral to mark the centenary of St Luke's Hospital for the Clergy-The Archbishop of Canterbury, president, preached the sermon and the Dean of St Paul's read

the bidding.

General Sir Patrick Howard-

W.A.C. Baron van Heeckeren

The engagement is announced between Willem, son of Baron and Baroness van Heeckeren van Kell-van Tets, of Ruurio, The Netherlands, and Polly, daughter of the late Charles Stainsby, of Chadlington, Oxfordshire, and of Lady Wilson, of Oxford.

Mr J-C.G.B.F. Latteur and Miss M.A.B. Ringland The engagement is announce between Jean-Christophe, son of of Louvain, Belgium, and Melanie, elder daughter of the late T.P. Ringland and of Mrs

C.H.V. Denne and stepdaughter of Mr C.H.V. Denne, of Dr P.J. Lodge and Miss R.T. Combe "The engagement is announced between Philip, only son of Mr and Mrs Stephen Lodge, and Rachel, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Timothy Combe, both of East Molesey, Surrey.

Mr A.I. Macpherson and Miss V.E.S. Thring The engagement is announced between Alexander, elder son of Mr and Mrs A.G. Macpherson,

of Arineckaig, Wester Ross, and Victoria, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.G.W. Thring, of Dormansland, Surrey. Mr N.A. Waite and Miss J.E. Colville

The engagement is announced between Nicholas Alexander, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Waite, of East Coker, Somerset, and Joanna Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Colville, of

Mr L.A. Wall and Miss P.M.D. Brown and Miss C.A. Sims

The engagement is announced between Liam Anthony, younger son of the late Mr and Mrs L.F. Wall, and Penelope Mary Dashwood (Penny). daughter of Mr and Mrs. Hugh D. Brown, of Glasgow, formerly, of Wadhurst, East

> Dobson, chairman of council, and Mr James P.S. Thomson, chairman of the medical staff committee, read the lessons. Miss Anne Mace, hospital director, Canon Peter Nicholson, general secretary, and the Rev
> Trevor Morley, chaplain, read
> prayers. The Bishop of London
> pronounced the blessing. The
> Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, were

OBITUARIES

Lord Molson, PC, former Conservative MP and Minister of Works, died on October 13 aged 88. He was born on June 23, 1903.

AN OUTSPOKEN attack on Neville Chamberlain's deal with Hitler at Munich nearly upset Hugh Molson's political future. While still the prospective Conservative candidate for The High Peak Molson called the Munich settlement "a great and irreparable disaster". An attempt was made to unhorse him but, summoning a meeting of his local association, he was given an overwhelming endorsement of his independence. He was returned in a by-election when he was serving in the army and entered the House of Commons in time to help oust the the Chamberlain government in the crucial division of May 1940. He was one of the 41 Conservatives who voted against the government, and thus with the 60 other Conservatives who abstained brought about Chamberlain's resignation and the succession of Churchill and the National government Molson helped shape ideas which influenced the Conservative party in

post-war Britain. After becoming Conservative MP for Doncaster in 1931, he was one of a group of Conservative planners associated with Harold Macmillan. Macmillan states in his autobiography that Molson was, with Geoffrey Crowther and Arthur Salter, a principal draftsman of The Next Five Years, a manifesto issued in 1937 signed by 51 MPs and public personalities in all parties and none. It was an influential effort to achieve inter-party consensus and was probably the basis of Macmillan's The Middle Way published shortly after. As one of the founders of the Tory Reform Group and for a time chairman he helped to rejuvenate the Conservative party at the end of the war in readiness for government



In youth Hugh Moison assumed what was then an engaging pretence of pomposity. In maturity this was not easily shaken off, and perhaps only his intimates realised the worth and ability which the mannerism concealed. He was known by a succession of nick-names - at Lancing "Preters" because in his first term he said he was "preternaturally" interested in politics; then, because he liked hot lunches at Oxford, was called "Hot Lunch Molson"; and sometimes in the

Commons was known as "Mumpy".

But he was far-sighted, stood by what he believed in and was a "green" long before the term was

LORD MOLSON

invented. Arthur Hugh Elsdale Molson was the youngest son of Major J. E. Molson, sometime Conservative Member of Parliament for Gainsborough. One of his brothers was killed in the first world war, and another on the Rawalpindi in 1939, when the armed merchant cruiser was blown out of the water by the German battlecruiser Scharnhorst. Hugh Molson was educated at St

Ronans, at Osborne and Dartmouth and - the war being over - at Lancing where he went when he was 16. He was mentioned anonymously (though not unkindly) in Evelyn Waugh's autobiography. He went up to Oxford where he was at New College and where he was elected president of the Union. He took a first in jurisprudence and (always a stickler for what was correct) he insisted on being supported by friends at his "viva" to show that the examination was rightly called

He was called to the bar in 1931, but from Oxford days he devoted himself to politics and by his mastery of official publications and political commentaries he became an exceptionally well-informed member of his party. After a tilt at the Labour party in Merthyr Tydfil he was elected for Doncaster in 1931. He was defeated in 1935, and was then adopted for The High

He held the seat from 1939 to 1961 and was the only Conservative returned in Derbyshire in 1945. Molson was given a junior undersecretaryship in the Conservative government after the war. In 1951 he was made parliamentary sec-retary to the Minister of Works, then moved to the Ministry of Transport, and in 1956 he was appointed Minister of Works by Mr Macmillan. For this office he was well fitted. As far back as the early 1930s he had given the minister responsible - Walter Elliot - an uncomfortable time in the House of Commons over the threatened spoliation of Carlton House Terrace, and he was one of the members of parliament active in trying to prevent the destruction of the Italian heritage through allied bombing.

He always considered that his main achievement at the ministry was to open up Abingdon Street Gardens opposite the Palace of

Westminster. When the Treasury tried to overrule him and replace the bomb-damaged houses with new buildings, he took the then Chancellor of the Exchequer to the top of the Jewel Tower, newly renovated, to envisage the amenity value of an open space with its views of Westminster Abbey and the Palace of Westminster. The Chancellor thereupon overruled the Treasury. Abingdon Street Gardens are now regularly used for television interviews with the palace in the

background.
His time at the ministry was brought to an untimely end by a serious motor accident, but he was president of the Town and Country Planning Association (1963-70), chairman of the Council for the Protection of Rural England (1968-71) and subsequently president (1971-80). As treasurer of the Commons Preservation Society, he combined interest in amenity with concern for ancient rights. Molson was made a privy councillor in 1956 and a life baron in 1961. He was a regular contributor to House of Lords debates. In 1960 Molson was a member of the Monckton Com-

mission on Rhodesia. Charles James Fox once said of a colleague - though not critically that he lacked popular manners. Hugh Molson could be said to have the same characteristic and in an age when popular manners in politics count for more than they did and perhaps for more than they should, the point has some significance. On the other hand Molson brought to public life an absolute integrity of mind, almost puritanical in its severity and strengthened by fearlessness. These gifts may not have brought him their due reward in the worldly sense, but they were recognised as virtues of a high order in the traditions of English political

His wife, Nancy, whom he married in 1949, predeceased him.

DOREEN ASHBURNHAM-RUFFNER, GC

Mrs Doreen Ashburnham-Ruffner, GC, died in California on October 4 aged 86. She was born at Ashburnham Hall, Sussex, on May 13, 1905.

HEROINE, pilot, deb, horse-breeder and lover of fast cars, Doreen Ashburnham-Ruffner was one of those indomitable women whose exploits have the flavour of a former age. Even so, the manner in which she won her Albert Medal (subsequently translated to seizing him in its jaws. Do-CTOSS hands while still a young girl stirring annals of that decoration.

Doreen Ashburnham was taken to Canada from England by her parents as a child because, incredible as it now seems, she was considered to be too delicate for the climate of southern England. Little mountain lion which, when it could they, or she, have foreseen what perils lay in wait in their new paradise home on Vancouver Island. The family settled at Cowichan Lake, near to where relatives from Britain also lived.

On the morning of September 23, 1916, Doreen, then aged 11, and her young cousin, Anthony Farrer, 8, were walk-

home, intending to catch and saddle two ponies and go for a ride. Quite suddenly they were aware of a large cougar crouching beside the path on which they were walking and before they could take to their heels the beast leaped on to Doreen's back. When Anthony attempted to save her by slashing at the animal with the bridle he was carrying, the cougar immediately transferred its attentions to the boy. now recovered from n off an attack by a savage first fright, leaped on the Canadian cougar with her bare cougar battering it round the head with her little fists. It had is extraordinary even in the by then secured a firm grip of the boy, but she actually thrust her arm into its mouth and at length succeeded in making it

release him. There was now an astonishing confrontation, a slip of a girl literally fighting with her bare hands an enraged six-foot stood on its hind legs, towered over her. How this unequal contest might have ended is because of some sound external to the struggle and slunk away under a log. The children

lass of Court and City

Yeomanry
The Lord Mayor was a guest of

honour at a dinner given by Officers of the Inns of Court and

City Yeomanry last night at

Lincoin's Inn. He was received

by Colonel G.S.P. Carden. Ma

jor J.D'A. Cartwright presided.

Colonel Sir Greville Sprait, Major-General R J Corbett, Brigadier P C Bowser, Brigadier C A Brown. Colonel M Carnege-Brown, Lieuten-sul-Colonel G T R Birdwood, C J R Day, D E Jones and F Renton, Capitol D O'Halborn and Mr J Smith.

BIRTHS: John Wilkes, political reformer, London, 1727; Claude

Henri, Comte de Saint-Simon pioneer of socialism in France

Paris, 1760; George Büchner, dramatisk Goddelau, Germany, 1813; Nathanial West, novelist,

DEATHS: Sir Philip Sidney, soldier and poet, Zutphen, The Netherlands, 1586; Rene

Réamur, scientist, Saint-Julien-du-Terroux, 1757; John Ward,

Among those present were:

Anniversaries

New York, 1903.



- Anthony particularly badly were presented with Albert recipient. Tragically, after injured - staggered home and raised the alarm, and the Devonshire as the sovereign's of ill-health he was eventually were presented with Albert recipient. Tragically, after of bravery received a further Medals by the Duke of recovering from long periods and unusual accolade in 1975

dead. Anthony Farrer spent a Ashburnham was the younlong time in hospital as a gest female to win the medal, Jubilee Medal in 1977.

result of his injuries but both her cousin the youngest-ever Her, and her nephew

Canadian army. Doreen continued to live on Vancouver Island until she left school. She then returned to England to be presented as a

débutante to King George V in polo team in the USA, and ifterwards raised show horses in Italy, competing with them in international competitions. In 1935 she learned to fly and ine war was involved in ferrying aircraft from America to Britain. In 1942 she married an American college professor called

States citizen. In 1971 all holders of the Albert Medal were invited to the George Cross, but it was not until several years later that Mrs Ashburnham-Ruffher Albert Medal to the Cadifficult to say, luckily the Anthony Farrer and Doreen Ashburnham with their medals nadian War Museum in Otanimal suddenly took fright awarded the Queen's Silver

Her, and her nephew's, act

while on manoeuvres with the one of their public houses, the Albert Inn, at Street, Somerset. A local artist, David Fisher, was commissioned and instead of the all-toofamilar portrait of the Prince in California, becoming a recipients of the medal. Courmember of the first women's age accented the medal. Consort suggested commeage accepted the notion and Fisher produced a handsome sign which depicted the snarling cougar pouncing on the two children, with the Albert Medal inset in the top right hand corner of the painting.

On November 21, 1975 the sign was, appropriately, unveiled by the late Rear-Admiral R. W. Armytage, GC, Ruffner and became a United CBE, who had himself won the Albert Medal for the attempted rescue of a naval exchange their decorations for rating from a bilge compartment full of poisonous gas in the battleship Warspite at Malta in 1928. Unfortunately ner heard about this. In the the sign, unusual if not unique event she received her George among "Albert" inn-signs. Cross in 1974, and presented was removed during renovations to the public house in 1985 and was not reinstated.

Mrs Ashburnham-Ruffner spent the remainder of her life in California where her husband died several years ago. In her eighties she nursed an unquenchable passion for fast when the Courage brewery cars, examples of which commissioned a fresh sign for drove until quite recently. cars, examples of which she

ing in the woods near their cougar was subsequently shot representative. At 11 Doreen killed in 1930 at the age of 31 **Dinners**

Lord Mayor of Westminster
The Lord Mayor of Westminster and Sir Leslie Porter were hosts last night at a dinner the dinner held last night at held at City Hall in honour of the Dorchester Hotel by the

the High Commissioner for Marketing Group of Great
Australia and Mrs Smith.
Among those present were:
Sir John and Lady Richards. Councillor Kevin Gardner and Baroness
Gardner of Parkes, Mr Adderman and Sheriff and Mrs Nea Young. Mr and Mrs Nea Young and Mrs Nea Young Mrs and Mrs Nea Young And Mrs Nea Young Mrs Adderman and Mrs Nea Young Mrs Adderman and Mrs Nea Young Mrs Adderman and Mrs Nea Young Mrs Nea Yo Among those present were:
Str John and Ludy Richarda. Councilior Kewin Gardner and Baroness
Cardner of Parkes, Mr. Adderman, and
Mrs Victor Hochauser. Mr and Mrs
Philip Jones. Mr and Mrs Bamuel
Jones. Dr and Mrs Paul Knapman, Mr
Rrian McCarain, Mr John Porter,
Canon and Mrs Colin Semper, Protessor and Mrs Stewart Sutherland, the
Rev Dr John and Mrs Tudor. Mr
Trevor Baldock. Miss Pannela
Dimmock. Mr and Mrs Budd Harris.
Mr Alkitair Law, Captain Peter
Mason. Mr and Mrs Merv Montacuth.
Mr and Mrs Tony Salem. Councillor
and Mrs David Weeln. Miss Trishs
Sovery-Hodges and Ms Dagman

European-Atlantic Group
The Yugoslav Ambassador was a speaker at a meeting of the European-Atlantic Group held yesterday at the House of Commons by courtesy of Mr Peter Temple-Morris, MP. Sir Antony Buck, QC, MP, vice-chairman, presided and Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, joint-chairman, and Baroness Seear also spoke. The Ambassador was the guest of honour at a dinner held afterwards at the St Ermin's Hotel Sir Frank Roberts, vicepresident, was in the chair.

United and Cecil Club Sir Peter Imbert, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, was

the guest of honour and speaker at a dinner of the United and Cecil Club held last night at the Carlton Club. Sir Marcus Fox. MP, chairman, presided and Lord Colnbrook also spoke.

hiographer, London, 1758; Frédéric Chopin, composer, Paris, 1849; Gustav Robert Kirchoff, physicist, Berlin, 1887: Patrice MacMahon, presi-dent of France 1873-79, Château Parish Clerks' Company Prebendary A.R. Royall, Master of the Parish Clerks' Company, La Föret, 1890. presided at a court dinner held last night at Innholders' Hall **Professor Charles** after evensong at St Michael Wilson Paternoster Royal. The Rev Derek Pattinson and Sir George A memorial service for Profes-Moselcy also spoke. The Master of the Innholders' Company and sor Charles Wilson will be held in the Chapel of Jesus College, Cambridge, on Saturday, November 2, 1991, at 2.30 pm. the Rev John Paul were among

Marriages Mr P.O.C. Romilly and Miss L.F. McGlynn

and Miss L.F. McGlynn
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 12, in St Eunan's Cathedral, Letter-kenny, Co Donegal, of Mr Peter Romilly, younger son of Mr Simon Romilly, of Ludlow, Shropshire, and Lady Ailesbury, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire, to Miss Louise McGlynn, elderdaughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh McGlynn, of Letterkenny. Father Brian McGlynn officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and attended by Lucia and Louise Dunleavy and Frances Tinny. Mr Henry Howard-Sneyd was beet man best man. A reception was held at Harvey's Point Hotel, near

Donegal and the honeymoon is being spent abroad. Mr D.H. Nash and Mrs R.J. Wiggin The marriage took place in London on Friday, October 11, between Mr David Nash and

Lecture

Mrs Rosemary Wiggin.

Royal Over-Seas League Miss Bernice Rubens was the speaker yesterday at the first in the 1991-1992 series of Royal Over-Seas League literary lec-tures held at Over-Seas House, St James's, in association with Book Trust, the Royal Society of Literature, the Society of Authors and the Library Association. Mr Russell Bowden, Deputy Chief Executive of the

Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh

The following have been awarded fellowships of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh: Sir Edward Dunlop, Professor J.A. Myburgh and Professor Renzo Dionigi.

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Tom Olsen lecture

McGregor warns press of state intervention

By TIM JONES

LORD McGregor of Durris, successfully, even in Britain-chairman of the Press still the most secretive of all Complaints Commission, said democracies - for the right to last night that if the next see and to correct records held government assesses that the by governments and other commission had failed in its organisations."

fatally the right to freedom of criticism." expression.

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"Individual citizens and self-regulation could be made groups of people have pressed to work effectively.

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aims there would be direct intervention by the state in the etors: "A public which had demanded access to official Delivering the first St information and records in Bride's Tom Olsen lecture, order to criticise the behav-Lord McGregor said such iour and policies of governintervention would be in- ments has not been willing compatible with the British and will not be willing to democratic tradition in poli-tolerate a press which behaves tics and would undermine as though it were exempt from

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Birthdays today

Mr Louis Benjamin, theatrical impresario, 69; Mr Stephen Bishop-Kovacevich, pianist, 51; Christopher Raph Gibson, 69; Christopher Ra

Sir Christopher Harding, chair-man, British Nuclear Fuels, 52: Mr George Mackay Brown, Mrs Ann Jones, tennis player, 53; Lord Kilbracken, 71; Mr author, 70; Mr Harry Carpenter, sports commentator, 66; Mr Jonathan Charkham, Adviser to Arthur Miller, playwright, 76; Mr Edwin Stevens, founder, Jonathan Charkham, Adviser to the Governor of the Bank of England, 61; Dr Alexander Cooke, physician, 92; the Earl of Dalhousie, 77; Sir Denis Dob-son, QC, former Permanent Secretary to the Lord Chan-cellor, 83; Lady (William) Amplivox, 86; Mr Donald Stewart, former MP, 71; Mr B.D. Taylor, former chief executive. Glaxo Holdings, 56; Sir George Turnbull, chairman and chief

Today's royal engagements

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will visit the restored Magdalen Green bandstand, Dundee, at 2,45. The Princess of Wales will launch the Motor Show and open Earls Court 2 at the Earls Court Exhibition Centre at 10.45.

The Princess Royal will visit the Rugby Football Union's international coaching congress at Bisham Abbey at 10.30; will attend a Carers' day, organised by the Uttlesford Council for Voluntary Service, at Great Dunmow, Essex, at 12.15; as President of Patrons of Crime Concern, will attend the annual conference at Whitbread's Brewery, London, at 2.15. Later, as Patron of the Home Farm Trust, she will attend a perfor-mance of ROPE Theatre in Trust, Bridge Lane Theatre. Battersea Park Road, at 7.55.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the National Asthma Campaign, will visit the 1991 Asthma Gift Fair at the Hurlingham Club at 10.30; and, as patron, will open the new sports hall at St John's School, Leatherhead, at 2.45.

Princess Alexandra will attend a British School of Rome recep-

Luncheon

Baltic Exchange Mr Peter Tudball, Chairman. and the Directors of the Baltic Exchange gave a luncheon yes-terday at St Mary Axe in honour of Mr Maersk Mc-Kinney Moller to mark his honorary membership of the Baltic Exchange in recognition of his contribution to international

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Kaihiseen Margaret. of
Cuckfield, late of Horley and
the Bank of England. A kind
and loval friend to many.
Fumeral Service at the
Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, on Thursday
October 24th at 11.30 am.
Family flowers only but
donations, if desired, to
R.S.P.B. c/o J & R
Matthews, High Street,
Cuckfield, Sussex. JENKINS - On October 12th at Bristol Royal Infirmary. Elwyn Parry. of Leigh-on-Sea. Much loved father of Stan and Rhodri and husband of the late Meryl. Cremation at noon Friday October 18th at Candord Crematorium, Bristol. No flowers but denations to the British Heart Foundation. notions. Ephesians 4 : 7 BIRTHS AL-HAMAD - On October 9th, at the Humana Hospita Wellington, to Adel an Nabila, a daughter, Fawa ARDING - On October 11th, to Sarah (née Morris) and Richard, a daughter, Katherine Sarah, a sister for Timothy. Rachael and Jennifer British Heart Foundation.

LIARDET - On October 15th.
Joan Sefton tree Constable).

much loved wife and companion for over 58 years of Major General H.M.
Liardet C.B.. C.B.E., D.S.O.
Beloved mother of Guy. Tim and Andrew and dear granma to Frances. Care.
Patrick. Thomas. Sophie.
Victoria and Carroline.
Funeral at Lyminster Parish Church. near Arundel. at 2.30 pm Wednesday October 23rd. followed by private cremation. Enquiries and flowers to F.A. Holland & Sons. 8 Terminus Road.
Littlehampton (0903) BARLOW - On October 15th.
Basil Stephen, peacefully al
The Glen Hospital, Bristol.
Most beloved husband of
Gerda and dearnst father of
Nicholas. Maria-Theresa and
Alexandra, grandfather of
Harry and Edge. Private
rumeral. A Service of
Thanksgiving to be held at St
Cyr's Parish Church.
Stinchcombe. Dursley. Gles.,
on October 23rd at 2.30 pm. BARNES - On October 13th. al the Bassetlaw General Hospital, Worksop, Notts., to Stefante and Stephen, a daughter. Ruth Elisabeth. BRIGGS - On October 16th, in Vanessa (nee Wootlen) and Henry, a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, a sister for Alice and BROOK - On October 16th, to Lori and Paul, a daughter. Jessica Elizabeth. Jessica Elitabeth.

COLES - On October 15th, to Maddy and Merk. a daughter. Kitty Hesta. a sister for Lily and Dora.

DRAKELEY - On October 15th, at the Humana Hospital Weltington, to Liz and Russ, a son. Max. with great lungs. BAYLDON - On October 11th
1991, peacefully at Enbridge
House Nursing Home,
Woolton Hill, Joan, formerty
of Crowhurst and
Hannington, Funeral Service
at St Thomas' Church,
Woolton Hill, nr. Newbury,
on Friday October 25th at
1.30 pm. No flowers by
request. 713939.

MORRELL - On Monday October 14th, peacefully in hospital after a long litness, Mary Christine, aged 87. Much loved mother of Ste. Cremation 11 am Monday October 21st, Northampton Cremations in desired to Alzheimer's Dissess Society, 158/160 High Road, London SW12 98N. great lungs.

GILLETT - On October 6th, at St. Thomas's Hospital.

London, to Marquaret une Cordner) and Charles, a daughter. Emma. BEVAN - On October 15th, peacefully in Winchester, after a long librens. Frederick Maurice, dear brother of Wayne and Mollie, Funeral Service on Wednesday October 23rd at St Lawrence's Church, Winchester at 12 noon, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. daugnter. Errors.
GRIPTON - On October 15th.
at Farnborough Hospital. to
Jacquetine (née Hodder) and
Bruce. a son. Edward
William. a brother to
Maddeine MUCKLESTON - On Octobe MUCRLESTON - On October 10th 1991. peacefully. Dorothy Arny (nie Astiey), in her 84th year, widow of John Corbet, sister of Kenneth Loade Astley. Funeral Service 10.30 am. Wadnesday October 23rd at Cound Parish Charch. Shropshire. followed by private cresuation. Family flowers only but donations, if so desired, to the Parkinsons Disease Society and Cound Parish Church. Letters and enquiries to Harry Edwards and Soos. I High Street. Wellington. Telephone: Telephone: Telephone: Telephone: 15th. Madeleine. GUSTAFSSON - On October GUSTAFSSON - On October 10th. at The Portland Hospital, to Jean and Jan. a son. William Frederick.

HALLAM - On October 16th. at The Royal United Hospital, Eath, to Vanessa the Harvey) and Roger, a daughter, Anya.

LEAHY - On October 14th, at Queen Charlotte's, to Allson the Davies) and James, a son. Christopher William, a brother for Edward.

LONGCROFT - On October only.

CHAPMAN - On October 18th 1991, peacefully. William George. Squadron Leader (retired), aged 84 years. Dearty loved husband of Gwen, father of Myrna, Susan, Linda and Roger, dearly loved grandad of all his grandchildren. Funeral Service at St. Fathy's Crematorium. Horsham St. Fallins, on Friday October 18th at 4.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu if preferred for The Alzheimer's Disease Society can be send c/o Gordon Barber Funeral Directors, 317 Aylsham Road, Norwich, NRS 2AB. PRESTON - On October 15th, peacefully at home. Gladys Violet Woodward 'V', aged 98, widow of Jenico Peler', much loved aunt of Jean and sister of Tom. Funeral at Dunsfold Partish Church, 11am on Monday October 21st. Family flowers, done-tions to R.S.P.B., The Lodge, Sandy, Beds. brother for Edward.

LONGCROFT - On October

16th, at Queen Charlotte's, to
Anila and James, a son,
James Henry Stoddart.

MoGUIGAN BURNS - On
October 16th, to Emina (née
Clifford) and Simon, a son,
Robert Samuel James (to be
known as Bobby), a brother
for Amelia. CLARKE - On October 14th, suddenly, Kenneth, husband of Mary and father of Elizabeth, John and Andrew MILCHEM - On October 16th. to Jennifer and Barry, a daughter, sister of Thomas Nathan, Welcome. Sandy, Beas.

SUICH - On October 14th, in King's College Hospital, Alfred John, C.B.E., aged 71. Dunkirk Veteran. Dearly loved and loving husband of Ruth, father of John, Bob and David, much loved grandfather of Genny, Torn, Helen, Joseph and Edward, Funeral Service at Ethiam Crematorium om Monday October 21st at 10.15 am. Eitzabeth, John and Andrew and a much loved grandfather. Funerel at Croydon Crematorium on October 23rd at 12.30 pm. Raiher than flowers, Ken would have preferred a gift made to The Arthritis and Rheumalism Council for Research, 41 Eagle Street, London WCIR 4AR. Nathan, Welcome.

RICHARDSON - On October

15th, to Jo and Kim, a son, a
brother for Flora and Tania.

SMITH - On October 14th, to
Clare (née Roope) and
Simon, a son. Tim Michael
Pabrick, a brother for Jack,
TREFUSIS - On October 14th,
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Service at St Tello's Church.
Crinow. Narberth. on to Kale (née Dudgeon) and Charles, a daughter. Harriet Sarah Patricia. TOWRISS - On October 13th, at Milton Keynes, Vincent, late of Heighington, Lincoln, Greatly missed by Moragh, John and Mark. The service will be held at Lincoln Crematorium on Monday October 21st at 1 pm. VALE - On October 14th 1991, at St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, to Rowena thee Petty) and Philip, a daughter. October 21st at 1 pm.

WAKE - On October 12th, at Potney Hospital, John Bernard Wake, only son of the late Bernard and Maureen Wake. Funeral Service on October 22nd, 10.30 am. at St Osmund's Church, Castelnan, Barnes, SW13. followed by committed at Putney Vale Crematorium. 11.30 am. Floral tributes may be sent to T.H. Sanders & Sons, 35 Bernes High Street, Barnes, SW13. WARD - On October 14th at the John Radcliffe Hospital. to Cathy and Cive, a son, Alexander James. HILL - On October 13th, peacefully after a short illness. William Henry, dearly loved husband of Anne, loving father of Sally, Margot and Michael and grandfather of Nicola. WILSON MURRAY - On September 15th, at The London Hospital, to Ros and Gavin, a son, James Joseph, a brother for Hannah. Margot and Michael and grandfather of Nicola. Funeral Service on Tuesday October 22nd at St Mary's Church, Templecombe at 2pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, lo Cancer Research Campaign c/o Peter Jackson Funeral Director. Mons. High Street, Henstridge, Templecombe, Somerset BA8 ORB. MARRIAGES - On seturday October 12th 1991. In London, Tobias Blakeley to Evelyne Covo. RI AKELEY:COVO -WELCH - On October 14th 1991, Belty Robina Ann, widow of Dick mother of Robin, Richard and Tessa. DEATHS Rooth, Richard and 1essa, Funeral, Tuesday October 22nd at Guildford Crematorium at 11.30 am. Enquiries to Petersfield (0730) 62711. BALCHIN - On October 9th, IVESON - On October 13th, James, at home after a long illness. Beloved husband of Petersfield (0730) 62711.

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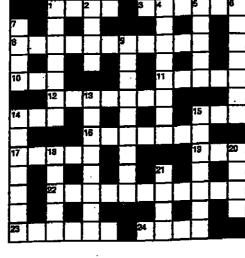
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2. Any beneficiary who oppose the extinguishment or their rights should notify their claim in writing to the irristers of Society 1992.

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Mr P V Edwards, Welsh Office, Agriculture Dept. 11B, Fisheries Section, Wales Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF1 3NO.

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OCTOBER 17 ON THIS DAY

At the Nuremberg trials 1945-46 the war criminals were charged with conspiracy against peace, crimes against peace, violations of the laws and customs of war and crimes against humanity. Ten of the 24 found guilty were executed.

EXECUTIONS AT NUREMBERG

Hermann Goring committed suicide in the shadow of the gallows by taking cyanide in his cell at 10.45 last night, three-quarters of an hour before the time fixed for his execution. The ten other condemned Nazi leaders, begin-ning with Ribbentrop, were hanged between one and three o'clock this

ON THE SCAFFOLD Two British correspondents were among the eight Press representatives chosen to witness the executions. In their dispatches they state:-

As a result of Goring's suicide the other condemned men, who were to have been allowed to walk freely to the place of execution, were manacled to guards immediately. There was little objection on the part of the men, except by Streicher and Sauckel. The condemned men died with

At 1 a.m. Ribbentrop was marched from his cell through the great prison hall to the gymnasium, where three scaffolds stood prepared on the pitch marked out for basketball.

He and the other nine prisoners were each asked to state their names, and if they had any last words.

Ribbentrop cried: "God protect Ger-many. Thank God that He is merciful. My last wish is that the German unity should remain and that an understanding between the east and west should come about, and peace for the world." Keitel declared: "I call on the Aimighty that he have mercy on the German people. Over 2,000,000 went to their deaths before me. I now follow my sons." His voice then rose, "All for

Ernst Kaltenbrunner entered, war will m standing an chaplain who were the habit of the Germany."

Franciscan Order, the Rev. Sixtus O'Connor. Kaltenbrunner gave his name readily, and when asked if he would like to say any last words answered, "Yes, please. I have served my German people and my fatherland with a willing heart. I have done my duty in accordance with the laws of my fatherland. I regret that crimes were committed, in which I had no part. Good luck Germany!"
Rosenberg, alone among all these

1946

condemned men, answered "No" when asked if he had any last words to say. Frank, ruler of occupied Poland, entered smiling. He appeared to be talking to the Roman Catholic chaplain rather than anybody else when he said: "I pray God to take my soul. May the Lord receive me mercifully." He then said how grateful he was for his good handling while he had been in prison.

Frick's last words were: "Long live the stand County".

the eternal Germany."

Streicher had to be forced across the floor. He attempted to wave his arms, but they were securely tied. He roared: "Heil Hitler" — and as he neared the foot of the steps, said "Now I go to God too." At the foot of the steps he was asked his name, and he answered: "My name, you know my name." The question was repeated, and Streicher replied: "All right — Julius Streicher." On the scaffold he shouted: "Now to God. The Bolshevists will get you. I am going to my Father." As the black cloth was placed over his face his deep voice could stil be heard ringing out: "Adele,

my loving wife."

Next was Sauckel, who to the last maintained that he was innocent. When he had been summoned from his cell to make the last walk he refused to dress, and now be refused at first to answer when his name was requested. When the question was repeated he said: "Fritz Sauckel." He answered when invited to make a last statement: "I die innocent. The verdict was wrong. God protect Germany and make Germany great again. God protect my family."

At 2.32 Jodl entered. As much a

soldier as Keitel, he bore himself with dignity and the only words he had to say where "I salute you, my Germany." Seyss-Inquart's last words, to which he seemed to have given some thought. were: "I hope this execution is the last act of the tragedy of the second world war, and that the lessons of this world war will make for peace and under-standing among the peoples. I believe in

NEW RELEASES

AUNT JULIA AND THE SCRIPTWIFTER (12): Gauche lod (Kosru Reeves) talls for feisty aunt (Kosru Reeves) talls for feisty aunt (Barbars Hernhey), while a soep opera writer (Poter Falk) weaves mages spells Zeethul treatment of Mario Varges Llose's multi-hyperd noved Disector, John Amiel. Odson Haymarkes (0426-915363). THE BIG BANG: Nineteen Americane from a gangater and nun to the produc of Top Gurt – face questions on sex, the cosmos, life after cleath. Fittuity amusing documentary from director

James Toback. National Film Theatre (071-926 3232). National Film Theatre (071-928 3232)
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HARLEY DAVIDSON AND THE and Don Johnson merconed in a dis-witted tale of Onliers bungling a bank robbery. Director, Simon Winder. Canson Oxford Street (071-636 0310)

POISON (18): Todd Haynes' style-conscious study in social deviance, inspired by Jean Genet; unpleasant unadityling.

unecnying. Metro (071-437 0757). URANUS (15): Dark, powerful drama from Marcel Ayméra caustic novel about the settling of scores in post-liberation France. Gerard Depardleu deminates a fine cast; director, Claude Bern. Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Chehses (071-853 3742/3743) Lumière (071-836 0891)

El BECKET: Riveting performances from Derek Jacobi and Robert Lindsay in Anoulth's play on the relationship between Henry II and the archishop Theatre Royal, Haymarker, SWI (07) Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 6800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed,

☐ BOLD GIRLS: Imelda Staunton and a fine company in Rona Munro's perceptive look at women's lives in wast Beffast. Hampatead, Swiss Coffage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301) Man-Sat, 8pm, mat Set, 4pm, 100roins, Final week.

☐ CURSE OF THE STARVING CLASS: Hell in rural Ceifornie; revival of Sem Shepero't brutal drama of family its covered by unremoting. ide, powerful but unremitting.
The Pit, Berbican Centre, Silk Street,
EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, 2pm and

DI DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brian Fine's Oliver Award-warning memory-play set in 1830s Donegal Phoenix, Chenng Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044), Mon-Sat, 8pm, mals Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm 150mins

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☐ GOOD GOLLY MISS MOLLY: erful trip through Fiftles and Skitles rits: firmsy plot but no matte Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-836 2132), Mon-Thurs, Born, Fri, Set, 5om and 8.20pm. 120mins

I THE GLORY OF THE GARDEN: Feeble farce lasting to find fun in take Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (07 t-836 5122) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Tues, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 135mins.

■ GRAND KABUKI: Sumptuous. exciting evening of Japanese exotica, performed by masters. National (Lytellton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Mon-Sat, 7 30pm. Final

☐ HIPPOLYTOS: Muted Janet Suzmen in otherwise vivid Europides puzzle-play about secual desire Almaida, Almaida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, Bpm, mal Sat, 4pm.

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT: Jason

TARTUFFE: Peter Hall directs Felicity Kendal, Paul Eddington and John Sessions in Ranjit Bolt's new translation of Noter's a Easts comeon, Seesons plays Territie, a hypocritical adventurer who hides his greed behind a mask of writte and pleny. Kandal is the maid who sees through his hypocrisy, Eddington the kindly man who welcomes Tertuffe the history man who welcomes Tertuffe

mio his home. Pisyhouse Theetre, Northumberland Avenue, London WC2 (071-839 4401), 7.45pm. ROYAL PHILHARMONIC

ORCHESTRA: Visdimir Ashkenszy conducts Mendelssohn (overture, A Midsummer Night's Dreem); Elgar (Falstaff); and Strauss (En Lastanisham Heidenlebern, Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm.

GOLEM: John Casken's opera Golem, with which the Durham Linkership lecturer last year won the first Britten Award for Composition, is unveiled tonight at Newcastle Playhouse and will then be taken on an Arts Council Contemporary Music Network four round British. The production is a collaboration between the Tuneship-hased companies: the two Tyneside-based companies: the Northern Sintonia and Northern Stage.

CHICAGO: Paul Kerryson, joint artistic director of Leicester Haymarket Theatre,

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol •) on release across the country.

CURRENT

 CLOSE MY EYES (18): Sexual
games between brother and sister one
long not London summer, which
portrayed by writer-director Stephen portrayed by writer-director Staph Poliakoff and an excellent cast (Se Reaves, Cive Owen, Alan Rickma Curzon Maytair (071-465 8965) ♦ THE COMMITMENTS (15): Hard

♦ THE COMMITMENTS (15): Hard-briten Dublin youngsters form a soul band. Fresh, furny, and buoyarnly played by a largely amatieur cast. Director, Alan Parluer. Camden Parluerly (071-287 7034) Cannon Tottenham Court Read (071-636 6148) Odeons: Kensington (0426 514656) Marbile Arch (0426 91-4501) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

DEKALOG PARTS 3-4 (PG): Krzyszkol Klasiowski's marvellous cycle of modern morastast respired by the Ten Commandments, Essential viewing, Ranoir (071-837 8402).

LET Him HAVE IT (15): An epteptic youngster's need to the hangman's noose. Sombre, powerful drams about the 1952 Chalg/Bentley case. Chris Eccleston, Paul Reynolds, Tom Countenay; director, Peter Medek. Odeon Leicester Square (0426 or 55%).

MEETING VENUS (12): Backstay dramas while stegming Tamhhiluser in Paris, adroitly observed, but lacking punch. Starring Niels Arestrup, Glen

THEATRE GUIDE

☐ KVETCH: Steven Berkoff's trp into the East-End Jewish psyche: vivid but thinnish. Co-stars Anita Dobson. Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Fn, 8pm, Set, 5pm and 8.30pm, 140mms.

OUR TOWN: Under-powered production of Thornton Wilder's play on

production of Thormon small-town America. Shairasbury America. Shairasbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399), Mon-Sat, Bpm, mats Thurs, Sot, 3pm. 135mms.

☐ PECONG: Thrilling version of Medea set on a Carlobean sile. Sizzling performances led by Jenny Jules Tricycle, 259 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat,

☐ PLAYING SINATRA: tan Gelder, Susan Brown in powerful Bernard Kops drame of song, incest and nalead terror. Warehouse, Dingwell Road, Croydon (081-580 40-80). Tuee-Sat, 8pm, met Sun,

PTHE RESISTIBLE RISE OF ARTURO Ut: Emphatically menacing "Hitler" portrait by Antony Sher in Di Trevie's strong production of Brecht. National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, 2pm and 7.15pm. 17thnins.

☐ RICHARD II: Alex Jennings and

rvid production. Barbican, Sek Street, EC2 (07-638)

Anton Lesser as icy king and tough usurper in keenly argued (though long),

TODAY'S EVENTS

celebrated Broadway musical, Chicago, with music and lyncs by Kander & Ebb. Karryson's takest production, 70, Girte, 70, successfully transferred to the West End earlier this year. Harvmarket Theather I internal a internal of the Company of the C

Haymarket Theatre, Leicester (0533 539797), 7,30pm.

AESTHETIC DIALOGUE (1850-1930):

ABSI THE RE DALLOGUE; (1890-1930): The Barbican's new show during the Japan festivel season is a survey of the art of Japan and Britain, showing the influences that each culture brought to the other. The show explores Victorian Britain's fascination with Japanese art, the impact of popular culture, and the development of modern Jaconese

peinling. Barbican Art Gallery, Sêk Street,

London EC2 (071-638 4141). Mon-Sat. 10am-6.45pm (Tues, 10am-5 45pm), Sun, 12-6.45pm, until January 12.

LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: The LSO performs a memorial concert in tribute to the late Leonard Bernstein, once president of the LSO. The

once president of the LSO. The programme comprises: suite from this opera A Quiet Place, three scenes from Mass, Symphonic Dences from Wes! Side Story, and the Chichester Pealms, With baritone Benjamin Lucion and the LS Chorus, Barblean, Säk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), 7.45pm.

JAPAN AND BRITAIN; AN

directs a new production of the

Piccadity, Denman Street, W1 (071-967 1218). Mon-Sat. 7 30pm, mats Wed, Set, 3pm. 135mms.

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◆ PROSPERO'S BOOKS (15): Petar Greenaway's variation on The Tempest, with John Gietgud's Prospero stalking Stakespeer's text through a lungle of eye-popping Images. Britished but exhaushing.

exhausting. Gate (071-727 4043) Premiera (071-439 4470) Renoir (071-837 8402).

A RAGE IN HARLEM (18): Buffoonery and violence in a comic-strip Harlem, from Chester Himes's novel; an unpleasant mix. Starring Forest Whitake Gregory Hines, Robin Givens, Director, Bill Duke.

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♦ STEPPING OUT (PG): Lewis

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(Part 2) Strand Theatre, Strand, London EC4 (071-240 0300), 7pm. LADY AUDLEY'S SECRET: Annie

Castiedine (recently at Chichester directing Arsenic and Old Lace) directs the Lyric's new production: an adaptation of Mary Braddon's Victorian thriter, Lacy Audiey's Sacret.

Lyric Hammersmith, London W6 (081-BURNING FIERY FURNACE: St

James's Opera group in a new production of British's rarely-performed opera which tells the Old Testament ston opers which tells the Old Testement story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abedrigo who are cast into a furnece for refusing to worship the Bebylonian god Merodak. The opera, written in 1986, was intended for church performence and the company is staging it in the vast Church of St Mary, Paddington.
Church of St Mary Magdalene.
Delamere Terrace, London W2 (071-482 0333), 2.30pm.

Buffoons lack a serious edge

THEATRE!

Three Judgements in One Gate, Notting Hill

AMONG the individual portraits by Velazquez in those astonishing rooms in the Prado, two types stand out: the royal portraits, weak-minded kings and fragile infantas, pathetic faces of unexceptional individuals trapped in the suffocating richness of costume and office; and the bufones or court dwarfs, marvellously, often malignantly alive, sensitive deformed creatures acting parts which they, unlike the royalty, know to be absurd.

There is something of the same contrast in this play by Velázquez's contemporary, Calderón, only in this case the courtly characters and the buffoons occupy the same canvas, and the absurdity too often spills over and makes the whole effect ridiculous.

You have to ask whether this apparently major work by the writer revered as the Spanish Shakespeare would seem less ridiculous if staged with all the resources in terms of ample, flexible space, atmospheric setting and subtle lighting provided by the Olivier or even the Cottesloe. As it is, the tiny, stifling Gate is made even more cramped by Anthony Lamble's triangular set, which recalls the Edgar Allan Poe story in which the walls of a cell close in on a prisoner. A persistently jamming door hardly helped matters on press night.

catapults the action forward to a contemporary Spain peopled by girls in mini-tweed skirts, men in leather jackets and tacky glass-topped tables. This works well for the exciting opening scene in which a girl and her father are held up by bandits in the mountains of Aragon. This brings Calderón within spitting distance of the amoral presiding spirit of contemporary Spanish cinema, Pedro Almodovar.

As the father, Don Mendo Torrellas, Kevin Costello manages to look every inch a modern Madrid businessman and to do justice to an idiom which is closer to Greek tragedy than modern speech. Don Lope de Urrea, the younger, troubled son turned bandit, is a fascinating character, psychologically ahead of his time, who blames his bad behaviour on his parents' loveless marriage. Bob Barrett makes a brave attempt at the intense love poetry but ultimately sounds too monotonous. Hermione Norris's Violante, daughter of Mendo and object of Lope's love, conveys a pained dignity but looks terribly stiff. Tom Dunn's King carries a long and erect sceptre in a manner which any production with a sense of

humour would surely have altered.
Only Simon Gregor's marvellously
nerd-like servant Vicente provides the corrective irony which is so badly needed. There is wonderful writing here but it is difficult to take the drama with the seriousness the play itself seems to demand.

to mould them into a coherent whole.

The play does at least look marvei-

lous. Julian McGowan's set is a vast

double drawing room, with walls and

ceiling in a deep red. Polished

mahogany furniture is arranged on a

glowing dark wood floor, on one side

of the stage is an enormous double

The characters in their dark, late

19th century clothes haunt this set as

though some sumptuous Scandina-

vian realist painting had been brought to life. But unfortunately their characterisations remain stubboruly

Anne Lambton's Hedda prowls the

in one dimension.

window, looking out on to fir trees.

HARRY EYRES



THEATRE

Hedda Gabler Citizens, Glasgow

ROBERT David Macdonald, who has both directed and translated this Hedda Gabler, is a many-talented man of the theatre who has provided some of the most fluent and actable translations seen in the past 20 years. His version of Ibsen's drama is, however, not one of his greatest successes; at the end of the evening the good things in the production turn out to have been incidental felicities, still searching for a strong directorial hand

TELEVISION ?

Timewatch

BBC2

THE thousands of ITV executives,

especially at Thames, TVS, TV-am and TSW, whose priority this morn-

ing will have been to rush straight to

this space to see which of their pro-

grammes is being reviewed, are in for

a disappointment, though not as large

a disappointment as might first be

In these unusual, if not bizarre,

circumstances, the reviewer is presented with a problem. Not, I will

grant, a problem on the scale of having

just seen your licence to print money

torn up, but a problem none the less:

the lame-duck companies, thus kick-

ing a channel while it is down, or to

praise same, thus granting it the definitive hollow victory.

thought.

stage like a glorious caged panther who looks as if she could devour Thea intruding on private grief, turned my attention to the safer (at least until charter renewal time in 1996) waters of the BBC and last night's Timewatch programme, "The Columbus Con-

At least, that is what Timewatch called it. What the programme was about was the battle for the Atlantic franchise, which took place 500 years ago. As with so many matters involving vast sums of money and governmental interference, it is a tale of tactics, intrigue and plain luck fit to be made into a 13-part ratings blockbuster.

I give this idea to the newly-hatched franchisees for nothing, confident that such a project would help them keep on the right side of the quality threshold, although I admit that a 501st anniversary has less of a ring to to criticise a programme from one of it than a 500th.

Timewatch is well-known for finding conspiracies where cock-ups had previously been suspected. Last night it debunked the hero myth of Colum-This, together with an aversion to bus, who claimed that his discovery of Elysted for dinner, and who tears up mses with the same viciousness as she tears up Eilert Loevborg's manuscript. Her performance, though, is ultimately more ice than fire, and her death is

lmost a matter of indifference. Brian Deacon as Tesman bumbles amiably but is too caricatured to elicit much sympathy. Patrick Hannaway as the unsettlingly named Sheriff Brack suggests an odiousness hidden beneath the surface propriety, and Debra Gillett almost makes something special of Thea Elvsted. Both characters, though, suffer from underdirection, and both could have used a stiff dose of Stanislavsky to create more rounded characters. But Andrew

Wilde, as Eilert Loevborg - though at the Indies was inspired by God. In fact it was inspired by nicking a Portu-

guese map, always a handy fall-back should God's concentration wander. Columbus kept everyone guessing by writing two logs during the famous voyage, which Dr Luis Coin and John Dyson retraced for the programme.

This was because, at the time, Spain held the northern Atlantic franchise



Columbus: cock-up or conspiracy?

against their better judgments.

times impossibly mannered - managed in his two short scenes to leave a

definite impression of a doomed

genius to whom people are drawn

In smaller roles both Angela Chadfield as Aunt Juliane, weary of Hedda and protective of Tesman, and Cordelia Ditton as Berte the maid understanding, judging and silently commenting on the action as she endlessly recrossed the stage - added much needed depth to the play. Such delights as these make the Citizens' Hedda Gabler fitfully absorbing and enjoyable, but one expects something much more satisfying than that.

ALASDAIR CAMERON

and Portugal the southern one, so Columbus had to appear to be travelling a northerly route while all the time taking a southerly one, once he had passed the Canaries, threshold of open water and the point where

Portuguese monitoring stopped. One of the achievements of the programme was that it was based mainly on existing knowledge, the problem being that most previous accounts of the journey appear not to have taken account of anomalies in the paperwork.

In this way did Columbus secure the Indies franchise and go to the even richer pickings to the north. Blessed by a government, weighed down with gold, armed with contracts and full of good intentions, he set off in one direction but not even he, with all his seamanshin could suré quite where he would finish up. How interesting.

PETER BARNARD

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ROCK

Jah Wobble Powerhaus, Islington

WITH the sepulchral, throbbing basslines he played for John Lydon's Public Image Limited, Jah Wobble introduced fluid rhythms and sensuality into the restrictively angry world of punk. More than a decade later, there is still something punkish about Wobble, but his scope now embraces and combines the very different aims of world music, ambient music, dance and album, demonstrate Wobble's and rock. His band, Invaders of the clearly focused approach to the busi-

Heart, is currently a six-piece. Three of them began the Powerhaus performance with music that could have been composed for an exorcism ceremony. As with most numbers, the sound drifted from somewhere vaguely Indonesian in a westerly direction, landing up in north Africa. With the percussion, keyboards and guitar trio joined by Wobble himself, tinkering with a drum machine and grounding their rich semi-improvised slights with his unique bass, this opening song resolved itself into the title track from the new album.

"Rising above Bedlam", both song

ness of creating hybrid, undefinable music. Previous bands have lacked this focus, but guitarist Justin Adams. keyboard player Mark Ferda, and percussionist Neville Murray proved themselves to be imaginative and skilful enough to play virtually anything. Adams, also a capable percussionist, was an inventive soloist.

As always, Wobble's precise, fattoned bass injected a reggae influence into the Arabic, occasionally east African and Latin feel. The addition of an Egyptian dancer seemed wildly optimistic: rock clubs of this size were not designed for veil-waving, yet she managed to thread an elegant path in between the amplifiers, even leaving

room for the Algerian singer-percus-

sionist who completed the line-up. "Emigrés, refugees, no nothing society," they sang in one chorus. The sentiment conveyed the aims of the band very succinctly. Jah Wobble is an unusual musician who has always held to his singular vision of music without frontiers. Happily contradicting the usual stereotypes for this area of music-making, he still maintains his trademark image as an Upminster wide boy with the face of an angelic villain. "A spiffing band," he said. congratulating his musicians. The compliment seemed appropriate.

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Answers from page 24 MUTHA

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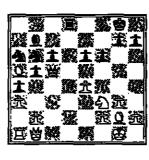
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2.15 Film: High Country (1994) staming John Waters, Terry Serio and Simone Buchanan. Vigorous Australian family adventure about a cattleman who steeds a prize racehorse in order to stop it being and any ridden to death. He makes for the Snowy mountains with a posse in hot pursuit and is joined by the daughter he has not seen in

years. Directed by Bill Hughes
Spider. Animated series about a boy with a pet spider (s) 3.55
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Adventures of Mighty Mouse (r) 4.35 Uncle Jack and the Loch
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5.00 Newsround 5.10 Blue Peter includes a report on how the

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6.00 Sbx O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Leurie Mayer. Weather

6.30 Regional News magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours

7.00 Top of the Pops (s)

7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s)

8.00 'Allo! Another helping of the resistance farce. Michelle's plans to transfer the British airman scuppered by Von Klinkerhoffen's sudden interest in René's wine cellar. Starting Conten Kave. Kiraten Cooke and History Mirster (r). (Ceefax)

Gorden Kaye, Kirsten Cooke and Hilary Minster (r). (Ceefax) 8.30 Waiting for God. Michael Aitkens's perceptive comedy starring Graham Cole and Stephanie Cole as eccentric residents of a retirement home. (Ceefax) (s)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news 9.30 Smith and Jones. Mel and Griff touch upon such matters as



A ticket to Belfast: Warren Mitchell gets religion (10.00pm) 10.00 So You Think You've Got Troubles.

● CHOICE: Warren Mitchell finally shrugs off Alf Gamett to play a widower rejuctantly caught up in Northern Ireland's religious divide. Mitchell's Ivan Fox is the long-serving manager of a tobacco factory in London who gets moved to Belfast to run a plant there. A lapsed Jew, he declares himself to be an atheist and asserts that he doesn't care whether his neighbours are Protestant, Catholic or Restalarian. But this is Northern Ireland and religion is in the blood, not least among the small Jewish community which takes Ivan into its embrace and forces him to rethink his faith. A comedy which is

more drama than sitcom also features the reliable James Ellis and Harry Towb and it was written by Laurence Marks and Maurice Gran, the team responsible for The New Statesman and Birds of a Feather. Although not in quite the same way, their new show also promises to break a few conventional moulds 10.30 Question Time introduced by Peter Sissons from Heriot Watt university in Edinburgh. The guests are all MPs with a Scottish connection — Michael Forsyth, Margaret Ewing, Gordon Brown

and Sir David Steel 11.30 Capital News. Drama series set in the offices of a Washington newspaper, starring Lloyd Bridges 12.15am Weather

8.00 News 8.15 Westminster

8.00 Daytime on 2. Educational programmes
2.00 News and weather followed by You and Me (r)
2.15 Gott. Steve Flider introduces live coverage of the Toyota World Metch Play championship from the Wentworth club, Surrey
3.00 News and weather followed by Westminater Live. Featuring prime minister's question time 3.50 News, regional news and

4.00 Golf. Further coverage of the Toyota World Match Play championship from Wentworth

5.30 Food and Drink. A new series begins with an investigation into stimming clinics and a South American wine-tasting, With Michael Barry, III Goolden, Oz Clarke and new presenter, Paul Heiney (r) 5.00 Film: When Worlds Collide (1951) starring Richard Derr and

Berbers Rush. Wordy science fiction drama about a planet on a collision course with the Earth. It bucks up for the finale which won Gordon Jennings an Oscar for best special effects. Directed by Rudolph Maté. Wales: See Heart 6.30 Deutsch Direkt 6.55 Colour Eye 7.25 Fast Feasts

7.20 Animation Now. Three films from Bulgaria 7.30 First Sight: A Kick in the Teeth. Kent Berker reports on the impact of dentists in the south-east turning to private practice. Wales: Between Ourselves; Northern Ireland: Tomorrow's World; East: Matter of Fact; Midlands: Midlands Report; North, North-east and North-west: Close Up North; South: Southern Eye; South-west:

Western Approach; West: Current Account

8.00 A Taste of Japan. Lesley Downer continues her exploration of Japanese cuisine and learns of the importance of simmered food and noodles

er incomes. Includes a review of the new models at Motorlair 91 which opens this week at London's Earls Court. There is elso a road test on the new Yearchail Astra

9.00 Alexed Sayle's Stuff. Anarchic humour from Mr Sayle, aided and

abetted by Owen Brenman, Angus Deayton, Tony Millan and Jan



Emotional reunion: Alec Krawczynski in the Ukraine (9.30om)

9.30 40 Minutes: Alec the Pole. ◆ CHOICE: The eleventh season of 40 Minutes opens with the story of an adopted Scotsman returning to his homeland in the story of an adopted Scotsman returning to his nomeiand in the Soviet Union after a gap of 47 years. Alec Krawcynski is a builder in Grantown-on-Spey. He came to the area after the second world war, the latter part of which he spent as soldier in the Polish army. But he hails originally from the Ukraine and after nearly half a century away he has the urge to go back and make contact with his surviving family. With the help of the Red Cross he is able to track down a brother and three eisters and Richard Denton's film follows his interpret and effects of text hereit reserved. follows his journey and charts a series of very tearful reunions. The emotional strain becomes so great, for Alac as well as his elderly siblings, that he decides to cut the visit short. The viewer will probably be glad as well, for the film gets very close to an intrusion into feelings which are probably better left to be expressed in

 CHOICE: Six short essays on the meaning of colour in our lives are launched by Jenny Abbott's discourse on white. She has no trouble finding material. White, as her film reminds us, evokes brides, teeth and the Taj Mahai. Whiteness, extra whiteness and whiter-than-whiteness is the claim of every soap powder commercial. Brilliant white is the favourite house paint. So far, so diverting. The trouble comes when Abbott brings in puncits. According to Michael Neve, a professor of social medicine, white is not just a colour but one of society's most dangerous obsessions. How so? Apparently it has to do with our feers of a poliuted, and therefore less than white, world. Even more pretentious is the contribution of Leslie Kenton, a beauty writer who tells us she wore nothing but white for 17 years. She says it kept her still in the midst of chaos. Perhaps the real reason was to get a spot on Colour TV

10.30 Newsnight presented by Peter Snow 11.15 The Late Show. An invited studio audience questions Germaine Greer about her new book The Change. Among those attending are Claire Short, Susie Orbach, Molty Parkin and Mary Warnock (s)

9.25 Jeopardyl Quiz game in which Steve Jones provides the answers and the contestants have to supply the questions 9.55 Thames News and weather 10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a

topical subject 10.40 This Morning. Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan present the family magazine show. Today's subjects include the importance of herbs and family health. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather 12.10 The Riddlers. Children's puppet series (r)

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Country Practice. Medical drama serial (s)
2.20 TV Weekly. Anne Robinson looks behind the scenes of popular ITV and Channel 4 programmes; there is a report on foreign game shows; and Barry Took looks back to 1972 and the start of daytime television 2.50 Give Us a Clue. Celebrity characters (s)

3.16 TN News headlines 3.20 Themes News headlines 3.25 The Young Doctors. Medical drama serial set in a large Australian city hospital
3.55 Captain Zed and the Zee Zone. The first of a new cartoon series

4.20 Mike and Angelo. The return of the American comedy drams series about a friendly alien 4.45 Go Wild! A new environmental magazine series, presented by Chris Packham. Today the topic is waste. With special guest Craig

5.10 Thames Action. This week's edition covers replica guns; highcommission mortgages; and a comman who has duped scores of

disabled people

5.40 News with Flora Amstrong. (Oracle) Weather

5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Sprecidey with advice on surviving on a student grant

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Cracle)
6.30 Thumes News. (Cracle) Westher
7.00 Emmercials. Scap set in the Yorkshire Dales. (Cracle)
7.30 Voyager: The World of National Geographic. A new 13-part series begins with a look at the disastrous earthquake in San Francisco is 1890.

8.00 The Bill: Empire Building. The Sun Hill officers take part in Sgt Cryer's drive to arrest defaulters of fines imposed on them by the



nder: Soviet general Yuri Maximov (8.30pm) 8.30 This Week: Target London — Inside a Soviet Nuclear Base. A report from inside a Soviet ballistic missile base, including interviews with the commander of the Soviet Union's strategic rocket forces, General Yuri Maximov, and General Fiodor Salonov, one of the Soviet Army's leading nuclear experts. (Cracle)
9.00 Minder: A Bird in the Hand is Worth Two in Shepherd's Bush. Arthur's northern outlet, Billy from Bradford, unwisely entrusts his

racing pigeon, Young Sam, to Ray, Young Sam is to race Pride of Pudsey from London to Bradford for a stake of £10,000 and Ray is to be present when both birds are released. But the young man is in love. (Oracle)

10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald and Fiona Armstrong. (Oracle)

Weather 10.30 Themes News and weather 10.40 The City Programme. Includes a report on the troubled whisky industry; and a look at the latest developments in the world of 11.10 01. Includes Derek Jarman talking about his new film Edward #

11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.30am A Problem Alrad. Viewers' emotional problems discussed by

experts

1.00 The Concert. The Godfathers at the Town and Country Club (s)

2.00 Filst: The .44 Specialist (1976) starring Franco Gasparri and John
Saxon. Espionage thriller about an agent infiltrating a terrorist network to find out who is masterminding the organisation. Directed by Stephen Massey 4.00 The Twilight Zone: Monsters. A tale of the supernetural

4.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) 5.00 Videofashion (r) 5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman. Ends at 6.00

6.00 Channel 4 Daily with news on the half hour

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12.00 The Parliament Programms presented by Anne Perkins, with reports from Nicholas Woolley
12.30 Business Daily. News from the world's money markets
1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series
2.00 The March of Time presented by Murray Sayle. Today's programme examines the pre-war theory of strategic bombing as shown in the 1939 film Soldiers With Wings; and how it worked in practice from a 1944 film The Unknown Battle (r)

2.30 Racing from Newmarket. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the Greene King Handicap Stakes (2.35); the A.R. Dennis Bookmakers Nursery Handicap Stakes (3.05); the Challenge Stakes (3.40); and the Jeyes Handicap Stakes (4.10). The commentators are Graham Goode, John Oaksey and John

4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Fast-moving general knowledge quiz hosted by

William G. Stewart 5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guest is Billy Crystal who talks

about his latest film City Slickers

5.55 Willo the Wisp. Animated series set in a ghostly forest (r)

6.00 The Time Tunnel. Series from the 1960s about two scientists caught in a time warp. This week they find themselves in New Mexico at the time there is a plan to spring Billy the Kid from prison

7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletaxt)

7.50 Comment

8.00 Matters of Taste. The second of Jancis Robinson's five-part series exploring the world of food and drink. This week she considers London as the wine capital of the world (r). (Teletext) 8.30 Bagded Caté. Assembly line American comedy based on the successful film set in a desert diner. Tonight the diner's most regular customer, an artist, is delighted to be invited to show his partitings at a swish art gallery. Starring Whoopi Goldberg and Jean Stapleton. (Teletext) (s)



Cell death: Jamie Stewert mourned by his friends (9.00pm)

9.00 Critical Eye: Mysteries of July. ● CHOICE: The ostensible "mystery of July" is how a 22-year-old black man, Jamie Stewart, came to die in police custody. Arrested while driving a car in north London, he was taken to the police station and within 40 minutes of arrival was discovered unconscious in a cell. He was taken to hospital but pronounced dead. The circumstances of his death were never satisfactorily established. The police said he had died of a drugs overdose, yet they had extensively searched him only half an hour before. This film by the Black Audio Film Collective uses the case of Jamie, and others who have died in custody, to raise what it calls "disturbing and alarming questions" about police powers and accountability. The particular focus is on police relations with the black community, though the net is spread wide enough to include the death of Blair Peach as well as the Guildford Four and the

Birminghern Six. (Teletext)

10.00 Drop the Dead Donkey. Up-to-the-minute comedy set in a television newsroom. Starring Robert Duncan and Haydn Gwynne

10.30 Love Talk presented by Carolyn Marshall. Two divorcées, Linda and Rachel, who now live together in a small mobile home, talk about their love for each other

11.00 L.A. Law, Plush American courtroom drama (r). (Teletext) 11.55 A Week in Politics. Vincent Hanna and Andrew Rawnsley review the week's political news. Charles Kennedy, MP, Oliver Letwin, Conservative candidate for the Hampstead and Highgate seat, and Professor ivor Crewe, surmise on the general election issues; and there is a look at Wednesday's debate on manufacturing industry. Ends at 1.25am

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8.15 Crusus (1989): Starring Aida Culve, Ade Separa
9.55 Child's Play (1998): A child's doll is possessed. Starring Alex Vincent
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Via the Astra and Marcopolo satelites.
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5.00 The Ring of the Nibelung. 4:

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Thomas, plano!: Figar (Canlo
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Company and Manchester Art Gallery recalls the 1950s (s) 4.45 Shorty Story: Shore Dances by George Mackey Brown. Reader, John Shedden 5.50 Phy; 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 8.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Bloopers. Jonathan Hewat presents a slection of outstakes, fluffs and gaffes (s) 6.45 The Adventures of Superman (s)

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CHOICE. Phil Smith's issisticecope of other people's thoughts on the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness concentrates on the pastoral: stubble-burying and conkers, bonfires and seed sowing, priory ruins emerging from morning mists, fungi-familiarisation walks through a water and the strate of right.

10.15 The Bible. Bernard Hill reads from Leviticus
10.30 Woman's Hour. Anita Dobson talks about her journey from the east end to the west end; A feature on transexuals, and a discussion on what makes good parents; 11.00 news
11.30 From Our Own
Correspondent. Reflections on life from abroad
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25 Trivia Test Match. Brian
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Forecast familiarisation walks through a wood, and the stirring of pigs' blood before it becomes black pudding. But Smith's people also talk about autumn as a time for reflecting on mortality, sometimes depressingly ("everything's wet and dying"), sometimes loyously (the wonderful old lady who watches Lady Chatterly's I ower on video and can't stoo Lover on video and can't stop 2.00 News: Morris on the Somme.

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Timothy Mo 11.00 Monk's Hood. A dramatisation of Ellis Peters's novel set in medieval England (s) (r)
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Rising storm claims its first victims

By BILL FROST AND KERRY GILL

England, Scotland and Northern Ireland today with the strong possibility of structural

damage to property.
As the gales gathered west coast of Scotland in a small fishing boat. Police said the three were lucky to be alive days. after high winds and a heavy swell had pushed their vessel out to sea. Rescue services searched in vain for the boat throughout the night, Eventually it was blown on to a beach north of Loch Stornoway, Knapdale.

ity. Police said the conditions had made driving extremely hazardous. Coastguards at Portland Bay, Dorset, rescued a sailor from a capsized

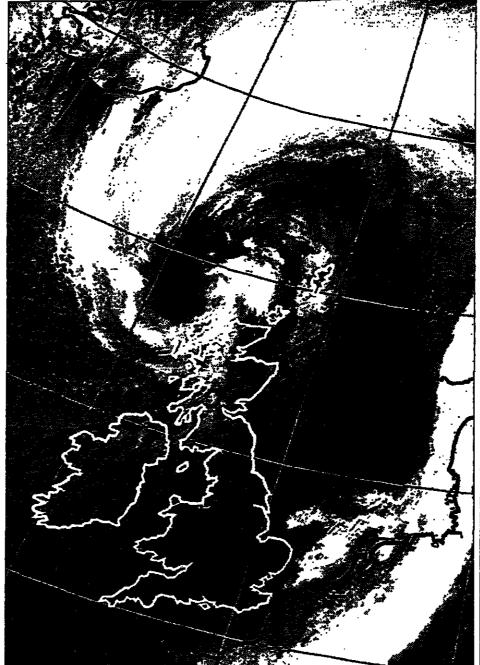
have to, is mad". The London Weather

STORM force winds are pre- are in charge of high-sided dicted for much of northern vehicles," said a forecaster. Northern England, much of

Scotland, Northern Ireland and north Wales were expected to bear the brunt of the weather, although high winds strength yesterday, two men and heavy rain are also likely and a boy were recovering in the Midlands and more after an all-night ordeal off the southerly parts. The depression is expected to bring bad weather for the next three

Four years ago this week Britain was hit by a severe storm which uprooted an estimated 15 million trees, caused more than £1 billion damage and disrupted power supplies and rail services. The latest system is expected to be less In Wiltshire a man died in a severe, although householders road accident in strong winds, are being warned of the driving rain and poor visibil- possibility of damage to roofs and chimneys as the winds.

The Association of British holders to take the weathermens' warning seriously over dinghy and said that "anyone the next few days. Tony Baker, who goes out to sea in these a spokesman for the associconditions, unless they really ation, said: "Batten down the hatches and prepare for the worst. Householders should Centre predicted gusts of up to check their insurance is up to 80mph in exposed areas as the date and take sensible precaudeep Atlantic depression tions to protect their property: responsible drifts slowly east- shut all windows; put cars in wards across the north At- the garage; take down ladders lantic. "Damage to property is and scaffold poles; check gutmore than likely, and we ters for blockages and roofs for would advise drivers to take loose tiles and slates and avoid extra care, especially if they all unnecessary journeys."



Anatomy of a storm: a thousand-mile swirl of cloud marks out the depression over the north Atlantic in a satellite photograph taken yesterday afternoon

Thames, TV-am lose auction

executive of Thames, tioned the commission's calculations, and said the 16 companies would pay £370 million to the Treasury in

1993, compared with £159 nillion in 1990. He added: "Cash has beater quality. There are few broadcasters in the world that would not list Thames as one of the most distinguished. We own the most valuable library in British commercial television, our regional programmes have consistently exceeded the ITC's expectations, our contribution to the network has been unequalled by any other company and we have been a pioneer on many fronts

for the network. But Michael Green, chairman of Carlton Communications, said his television company was "strong on talent, ideas and management skills. We relish the opportunity to make a significant contribution to the nation's most popular television

Harry Turner, managing director of TSW, told staff: "It is a bitter blow, particularly as we played by the rules. We passed the quality hurdle with flying colours and made the nighest bid. They appear to have moved the goalposts. It is extraordinary." Rudolph Agnew, the TVS chairman, said he was "surprised and bitterly disappointed".

Winners and losers, pages 4-5 Blind date, page 18 Diary, page 18 eading article, page 19 Shares fall, page 25

Political sketch

Peers no match · for the military

IN THE Commons, Roger King (C, Northfield) was making a sneering case for disqualifying Dave Nellist. Mr King's predecessor in Northfield, the late Jocelyn Cadbury, would not have done this. I retreated to the

To enter Another Place is to enter another world. Peers were discussing education. "I think one wants to be cautious about what one reads in The Guardian. I myself manage very well believing very little of it," said Lord Cavendish of Furness, apparently a whip. A Commons minister, he added, "Mr Edgar", had this in hand. There is no Commons minister called Edgar.

Anyway, their lordships were impatient for the debate they had all been waiting for. Defence cuts. Their lordships were unhappy Opponents of these cuts had gone down to a crushing defeat in the Commons the day before; but their lordships debate displayed the nobility typical of so many glorious engagements in our history, principal combat-ants had been to Eton and Sandhurst; individual acts of heroism took place; and the cause was doomed from the

It fell to the Earl of Arran, speaking for the government, to warn peers on this last point. A crisp speaker of the militaro-bureaucratic school, Lord Arran spoke of an altered international balance, of "strategy-led but resource-disciplined" thinking, the "tri-service view", and the "dangers of overstretch". Several of the larger baronesses stirred uneasily in their seats.

"Fully Challenger-equipped," he added, our defence was "smaller but better". Their lordships' heads were beginning to spin. The earl threw strike", "new attack-heli-copters" and the "Boeing E3D" at them. Peers muttered uneasily. Where were

"European fighters", "seven type-23 frigates" and "44 Merlin ASW helicopters" scorched past their ear-trumpets, peers were in disarray. Still no cavalry. Arran finished them off with "a future frigate in place of the type-

Lord Whitelaw (Scots Guards) steadied the rebels' nerves with a fighting speech, though it was not always clear who he was fighting Lord Bramall (Green Jackets & Ghurkas) was fighting HM Treasury. And Lord Shackleton really only wanted them not to scrap the name "Endur-ance". Could her replacement have the same name. he pleaded, touchingly? You could use the old cap-badges and lifebelts again and save

The Duke of Westminster (breaking 12 years' silence with a solid maiden speech, the Duchess of Kent watching anxiously) was fighting prejudice against the TA. It was somehow reassuring to see how much his hands were shaking. You'd have thought he hardly needed to care. He had entered the army, he said, "as Trooper Grosvenor". We had not realised that His Grace was

named after an hotel. I looked down the list of peers intending to speak. now gathered in this gilded chamber. Field marshals, admirals, foreign and defence ministers ... Here were senior representatives of government and the military from every political reverse, every colonial surrender, every defeat at the hands of terrorists for nearly half a

Still to speak on defence cuts was the Earl Haig. His father, one reflected, achieved, almost at a stroke, troop-reductions undreamed of by modern Tory

MATTHEW PARRIS



Johnson: a drug-user among Western athletes

East German scientists forced athletes to take steroids

Continued from page 1 to dig for the documents by his wife, Brigitte Berendonk, a successful discus-thrower in West Germany who has now published them as a book (Doping Dokumente: Von der Forschung zum Betrag, published by Springer-Verlag). She was sure that the full story of East German athletics had not been told.

Dr Franke said yesterday that at first he feared the key papers had been destroyed when the East German regime collapsed. On one surviving indicating the Military Medical Academy of the East German army. He managed to been destroyed, and an official

report of the programme. The detected. Raik Hannemann, a corruption.

pects of State Plan 14.25. These theses had then been Dr Franke has been unable to calculate total spend-

ing, but in one project in

Thuringia, 15 scientists were

involved and annual spending even when researchers noticed amounted to half a million rks. "And this was only one of the 22 projects listed under medal at Seoul in the 400-State Plan 14.25," he says.

A nasal spray was devel- receiving two doses of steroid oped using a testosterone even after it was found they

documents reveal, he says, an European junior swimming astonishing secret world of champion, described its efsporting and scientific fects as "like a volcanic eruption". It had such severe side-In many cases, scientists effects, including damage to had gained doctorates on as- his nasal membranes, that he was unable to compete in the 1988 Seoul Olympics. Hannemann claims all the East German Olympic team were told to use the spray.

Dr Franke says the reports show that the steroids continued to be given to athletes damaging side-effects. Kerstin metre relay, is recorded as precursor that would not be were damaging her liver.

Waldegrave agrees to 99 NHS opt-outs

laid at the government's door. However, Mr Cook condemned consultation on the new trusts as a farce, saying that out of 21 staff ballots, not one was in favour of opting

Mr Waldegrave cited a British Medical Association survey which showed growing consultant support of trust status. "Throughout the NHS, as the BMA has confirmed, there is increasing recognition of the benefits which trust status brings," he said. "Despite a truly scurrilous camno informed observer can now doubt that trusts represent a necessary modernisation and simplification of NHS management, which is already

Today will be stormy in most parts of Britain, with north-

west winds gusting at 70mph in northern England, south and west Scotland, Northern Ireland and north Wales. Elsewhere,

winds may reach 60mph. With the winds will come showers, heavy and squally. There may also be longer spells of rain in western and northern Scotland and northern England.

proving itself good for pa-tients, good for staff and good for the country."

Self-governing trusts are part of the health service but manage their assets and can set their pay rates and borrow from the private sector.

Mr Waldegrave said that he had turned down seven units, two of which are London hospitals, because he did not think their proposals "were fully worked up". He suggested, too, that there had been local opposition in some

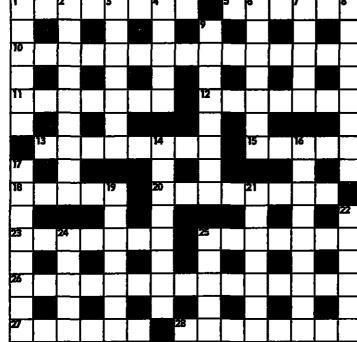
of these areas. Health service organlast night that Mr Waldegrave had gone ahead with so many trusts.

Opt-out list, page 2

TOMORROW IN THE TIMES Fair chance: After an article in last week's Times, action is to be taken at last on telephone canvasing companies that offer to sell second-hand cars through a computer register. The Times revealed that scores of complaints about unfair practice had been received by the Office of Fair Trading

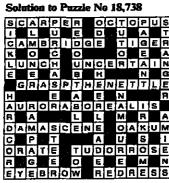
Rattling good idea: Is the collective name for a group of four Trabants a breakdown? Not according to Oliver Woolston, who has started a collection of the eccentric little vehicles from the former East Germany at his Hertfordshire farm

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ACROSS

- 1 Booth with a couple of silly crea-
- tures in? (8). 5 He accompanies an Aberdonian, 10 Promise to make jam, others not being involved (6.4,5).
- 11 Soives puzzles (7). 12 Warning compelling king to intervene (7).
- 13 Military Intelligence doctor developing tiny photograph (8). 15 Fellow graduate accommodates Head of Maths for short break
- 18 Greek screen with the ends missing (5). 20 With peackeepers practical sense is exceptional (8).
- 23 Muslim food King Edward V consumed (7). 25 Ferret one out for Douglas, perhaps (3-4).



- 26 Supporter's obstructionist stance resulting in dismissal (3,6,6). 27 Talk given in German at tertiary college (6).
 - State soldiers gatecrash dance in the castle (8).

- 1 Was he a politician before becoming a physicist? (6). 2 Spray presented by tenor after
- 3 A man of letters, the gipsy Lavengro (7).
- 4 Prisoner inside is representations (5). 6 Like a burlesque thus including
- send-up of a woman (7). 7 Bluish gas - a lightweight one
- 8 Islander a painter depicted astride a horse (8). 9 So depict characters like Attila
- the Hun (8). 14 US infantryman in a stew? (8).
 16 Sail manufacturer grasps nothing about rigging at first (9).
- 17 Event raised nothing to support
- fellow music-maker (8). 19 Greek character provided quar-
- 21 The brotherhood's political beliefs? (7). 22 Chaste girl digesting set novel
- 24 Put this away at once, OK? 25 A female revolutionary, to begin
 - with? (5). Concise Crossword, page 21

... WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions are correct?

b. Well-known c. A small hunting dog PIROZHKI

a. Hot, or at least warm b. Cunning, or at least shrewd c. The lid of a vacuum flask

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By Philip Howard

MUTHA L The Semitic letter M b. A type of hop vine
 c. A fan of heavy-metal rock music KENNET a. A river drift net

. An itinerant Russian salesma b. Small triangular pastries c. Green amber CALLID

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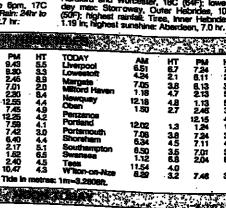
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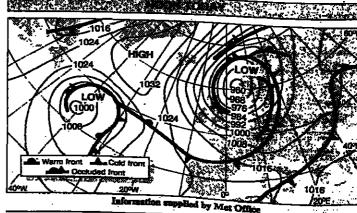
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Business Editor John Bell

Pensions borders to fall

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The European pension fund industry was turned on its head yesterday with the publication of a directive that will open borders to new investment

The proposals by the European Commission will clear the way for British fund managers to advise and deal for clients throughout the EC. It will also allow them to invest more freely abroad.

The directive, which is ex-pected to be approved next year, will probably take effect from January 1, 1993. Only company and private pension funds are affected. Sir Leon Brittan, European

Commissioner for compet-ition policy, called for pan-European occupational pension schemes

BT coup

BT has taken a further step into the business telephone systems market by winning a contract to replace the inhouse telephone system at Barclays Bank, linking head office with 900 large branches and regional offices. The BT deal will save Barclays £5 million in capital spending.
Comment, page 27

Thorntons up

Thorntons, the chocolate retailer, saw pre-tax profits increase by 5 per cent to 11.9 million for the 12 months to end-June, on sales up 12.4 per cent at £79.9 million. The final dividend is 2.4p, making a total of 3.6p, an increase of 9.1 per cent. The shares fell Ip to 175p.

Tempus, page 29

Payout pegged Lilley, the Glasgow construction group, is holding its interim dividend at 1p even though pre-tax profits for the six months to end-June fell from £6.52 million to £1.73

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Dealers mark down TV's high bidders

By MARTIN WALLER

ITV companies fell heavily amid concern that some television companies had financially overstretched themselves in the fight to avoid losing their franchises and n schemes. might have difficulty Pension fands, page 34 surviving through the contract period.

Yorkshire TV fell 22p to 180p; HTV, serving Wales and the west of England, fell 5p to 46p; and Anglia, al-though seen as one of the more financially resilient groups, slipped 33p to 198p.
Two companies that were

unopposed and went through after bidding derisory am-ounts continued to rise; Scottish gained 15p to 645p and Central 43p to 1083p. Among the few real surprises on the industry's decision day were the low levels of bids from Granada, which retains the Northwest contract, and LWT, the London weekend franchise holder. Granada shares advanced 11p to 184p, while LWT's convertible preference shares rose 53p to

at Smith New Court, the broker, said the market had made an accurate assessment of what most companies had offered, but there was concern overbid or had based their

£7.58m

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The table shows the proportion that would have to be paid to the government by the biggest TV companies if the new tenders were already in place. The franchise holders will be the time same they bid, along with a fixed percentage of edvertising revenue. The table is based on City estimates of 1991 not advertising revenue.

nalled his willingness to take to TML itself over the past few

£1m

ecutive of Eurotunnel, has sig-

the £8 billion Channel tunnel.

today, however, Sir Alastair

makes it clear there is no

reason for TML's ten share-

holder companies not to pro-

vide a full report on the implications for their balance

sheets of participation in TML Sir Alastair accuses

TML members of using the

confidentiality clause to avoid

embarrassment over its per-

formance. "It seems the alleged 'gag' is only pleaded when the question asked is in-

convenient to TML or its member companies," he

In a letter to The Times

Sunrise

LWT

Central

Anglia HTV

Yorkshire

Tyne Tees Border

Grampian

Channel

successful incumbent over-optimistic projections, shares rose 49p to 284p.

ITV companies fell heav
The higher the proportion of Of the four losers in the revenue that had to be handed latest franchise round, Tha-over to the government during mes showed a 7p advance to the next franchise round, he 203p and TV-am slipped just said, "the closer you are to 2p to 122p. TSW, the south-running into problems if net west contractor, fell 12p to 70p advertising revenue only and TVS lost 7p to 21p.
grows in real terms, for the Both Thames and

Meridian, had been looking dependents and will now not for real growth of 5.7 per cent, be hindered by the necessity of at the top of industry making large payments to the projections.

de Zoete Wedd none the less TVS is estimated to be worth believes that earnings from as much as 40p a share if it Yorkshire, HTV and Anglia will be on a downward trend the size of Anglia's bid and Nick Ward, media analyst most of yesterday's fall in the share price was being put down to profit taking.

Tyne Tees may be one of the over-payers, but the market is gambling on a full bid from Yorkshire, its 19 per cent shareholder, when the regula-

By Ross Tieman, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

SIR Alastair Morton, chief ex- writes. He goes on to warn: of our shareholders' interest in

legal action against Trans- days, if necessary, legal judg- ten after Eurotunnel shares fell

manche Link if it repeatedly ment can be given later, to us by 17p to 442p in response to

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SHARES in three of the financial assumptions on tions allow in 1994. Type Tees

Both Thames and TVS, sake of argument, at 2 per cent a year". He pointed out that TVS, the south of England ton facilities, are reckoned to contractor that lost out to have healthy futures as in-

Clive Leach, the managing TV-am is estimated to have director of Yorkshire, de-£40 million cash in the bank fended his company's finances and its studios are valued in and described suggestions that the accounts at £9 million. It the company might run into will be able to concentrate on trouble as "unbelievable rub- extracting the maximum ambish". He added: "I can assure ount of cash from the business you that we will be in profit over the next 14 months, from day one and we've got no while City estimates of the worries on that point." worth of a break-up have gone
The media team at Barclays as high as 120p. Likewise, worth of a break-up have gone

were to be broken up.
TSW will decide on its in 1993 and the shares look future strategy at a board expensive. But there are no worries in the market about no agenda for losing," admitted Harry Turner, its manag ing director. The options include developing its inhouse advertising space sales company and expanding the limited range of programmes

already being made. Thames is 59 per cent owned by Thorn-EMI, which expressed its disappointment that the company had not been successful but said its decision to make an offer for the whole of the share capital earlier this year was made on the basis of a valuation that did not presume the franchise would be retained.

Also gaining from the franchise round were MAL up 7p Sir David is chairman, last to 124p, the financial services group that is a 66 per cent shareholder in Meridian, and SelecTV, a 15 per cent shareholder, up 1½p to 24½p.

Legal challenge, page Winners and losers, pages 4, 5 Diary, page 18 TV's blind date, page 18 Leading article, page 19

Sir Alastair's letter was writ-

claims on the £620 million

lump sum contract for boring

TML sources have said

and fitting out the tunnel.

the tunnel's cooling system.

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Asda clinches Norman conquest



In the hot seat: Asda chairman Patrick Gillam faced some tough talking at the group's meeting yesterday

SIB fails to tighten rules for disclosure

By LINDSAY COOK MONEY EDITOR

SIR David Walker put the Securities and Investments Board on a collision course with the trade department and the Office of Fair Trading yesterday, when he an-nounced that the board was against any changes in the rules on disclosure of commission

Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, asked the SIB, of which December to revise its rules on the disclosure of commission when an investment was being sold. Investors are not told until after they have agreed to take out a policy how much commission the salesman will receive, and then it is expressed as a percentage of annual

premiums. SIB's consultative paper on disclosure does not propose any change on that score. The early. The summary will include figures expressed as a reduction in policy proceeds to show the long-term impact of the life company's costs.

The board expects a fight. It says it does not intend to implement any changes until after their competition policy implications have been reported on by the OFT.

Sir Gordon Borrie, the director general of fair trading, persuaded the department of trade last year that the rules were anti-competitive.

completion of the cross-Chan-He said: "Full disclosure of nel link could be delayed until March 1994 because of commission is necessary for modifications necessary to investors to be able to comsome of the rolling stock. A pare independent financial High Court judge will today hear an application by Euroadvisers in terms of the costs and quality of their advice." The OFT said Sir Gordon tunnel for an injunction to prevent TML carrying out an would be consulting the trade alleged threat to stop work on department and SIB on the

proposals.

Public borrowing doubles in year

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

government finances in the year will not upset the finanfirst half of the current fiscal cial markets, Mr Lamont will year was rounded off by face upward pressure on in-Treasury figures that showed a terest rates if the recovery fails £2.92 billion borrowing to halt the deterioration in requirement in September, government finances next well in excess of City forecasts. year. With the effects of recession

sector borrowing requirement above Treasury expectations.

(PSBR) built up to £10.8 Last month's PSBR, which April, exactly double what it borrowing requirement in Aufor the whole year appear overoptimistic.

Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, is likely to bring the higher than a year earlier. tions in his autumn statement

While a slight overshoot data showed.

A SHARP deterioration in from the Budget forecast this

City economists have penpushing tax receipts down and cilled in a PSBR of £15 billion boosting spending, the public to £20 billion for 1992-3, well

billion in the six months from followed a £1.88 billion was at the same stage last year. gust, reflected Inland Revenue forecast of a £7.9 billion PSBR September 1990, probably caused by weaker income tax receipts. Central government expenditure was 12 per cent official forecast more closely • Producer prices in western into line with market expecta- Germany rose 0.3 per cent in September for an annual increase of 2.6 per cent, official

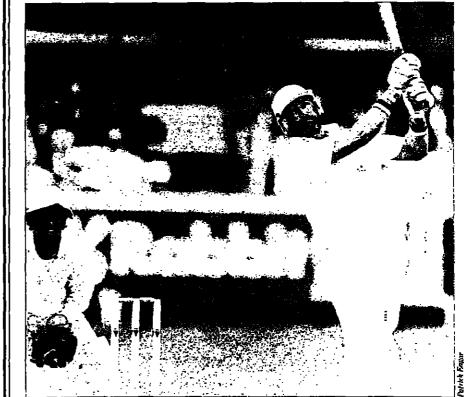
ARCHIE Norman, the finance director of Kinglisher. has been confirmed as chief executive of Asda (Gillian Bowditch writes). The shares rose 5p to 50p, 15p above the price of the shares to be issued in the £357 million cash call.

ingly approved yesterday at a sometimes had tempered special meeting at Pudsey, near Leeds. About 400 shareholders attended and there were calls for Patrick Gillam, the new chairman, to dismiss directors who had presided over the group's decline. There were also calls for Asda to move out of non-food retailing.

Mr Gillam told shareholders that Mr Norman, who had been approached some weeks earlier, accepted the post only 15 minutes before yesterday's meeting began. Mr Norman. told The Times that the job was "a formidable challenge". He said he had some ideas for the group but would want to immerse himself in the business for some months before making any aunouncements.

He said he was sull negotiating when he would leave Kingfisher.

TML firms 'hide behind paper does, however, intend that investors should be given WHAT HELPS GRAHAM GOOCH'S a written summary detailing secrecy', says Morton how much money they get back on policies cashed in **GILT-EDGED PERFORMANCES?**



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Boardroom door still closed to women

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH ABOUT one company in ten would

reject a woman candidate for a top management job no matter how well qualified she might be, according to a report from the Policy Studies Institute. Its authors, Elspeth Howe and Susan McRae, surveyed women directors and the chairmen of the companies that employed them. They found that where women do sit on boards they tend to be non-executive rather than executive and where they are executive directors they are more likely to sit on subsidiary boards than main ones. Female exec-

across the range of responsibilities. The report says that in 1989, 21 of the UK's 200 largest industrial companies had between them 24 women board members, six of whom were executive directors. Lady Howe and Mrs McRae say that while a tenth of senior managers are female, women account for only 1 per cent of chief executives. Since the

utive directors do seem to be distributed

favoured candidates of many chairmen for non-executive directorships are the heads of other companies, the gender imbalance is repeated among nonexecutives.

The main barriers blocking a woman's climb are the structure and organisation of work and attitudes of the people who rum the company. "Pioneering" companies that have appointed women to their boards tend to be in areas closely identified with women's traditional roles in the home and in the labour force. Of 20 such companies mentioned in the report, seven are banks or building societies and ten are retailers. The special expertise that women might have in these areas is, for many chairmen, an important consideration in the appointment of a woman to the board.

The report finds encouraging evidence of women who have broken traditional barriers and achieved commercial success on the same footing as men, but it questions whether they would have done so without the

influence that comes with possession of a title, or of family or political connections. "To an extent, these women come within the old boy network and are reasonably safe," the report says.

While both women directors and the chairmen who appointed them insisted that female non-executives should be of the same quality as men, they thought women had particular skills that were helpful to the board.

These included original views of the market place, ability to give career advice to promising women employees, strong contributions in the areas of personnel and customer relations, greater design awareness and ability to ask essential questions without feeling they had lost face.

The report concludes: "In time, the number of women on boards will grow and their presence will become unremarkable. But it does not often make good economic sense to wait for time to bring those changes that could improve corporate performance immediately."

LFR 'made a quick buck' in shares of Guinness

By a Correspondent

LF ROTHSCHILD, the bid, with the balance of the American investment bank, stock bought later when the took the opportunity to "make price had fallen. The shares a quick buck" despite a request to support the Guinness group's bid for Distillers, it

was alleged yesterday.

The American bank had agreed to buy £20 million of Guinness stock, or about 6 million shares, on the understanding it would be protected against any loss on the deal by Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank that was the principal financial adviser to

the brewer during its 1986 bid. However, Roger Seelig, a former corporate finance director at Morgan Grenfell who advised Guinness, claimed fewer than 2 million shares were bought by the end of the

Midland publishes charter

By OUR CITY STAFF

MIDLAND Bank is the first high street bank to publish a code of conduct for smallbusiness customers in response to growing public

criticism of banking practices. Midland yesterday published a seven-point business banking charter in which it pledges to change its charges no more than once a year and to give customers one month's

notice of changes. The bank also promises to discuss in advance charges for extra services and to advise customers how to complain. It said it is also considering an effective way of introducing invoicing for cheques and cash and other means of payment before charging them to customers' accounts.

In July, Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, ordered banks to publish charters after receiving more than 1,000 complaints about banking service. He found no evidence of overcharging but passed the complaints to the Office of Fair Trading.

Gene Lockhart, Midland's chief executive. UK banking and group operations, said: "The need for this charter acknowledges that we have sometimes failed to live up to our aspirations in our dealings with our business customers. The initiative aims to counter the common criticisms made by companies and the organ- until Friday after Mr Seelig isations representing them."

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were sold to Morgan Grenfell after Guinness's successful share price during the drinks group's bid for Distillers, it was alleged yesterday.

£2.7 billion takeover based on an average price before the bid closed in April 1986.

Mr Seelig, defending himself in the second Old Bailey trial into the Guinness affair, alleged LFR "deviously" made a £1.6 million profit.

The witness, John Angelo, former joint manager of LFR's arbitrage department denied this allegation, but he accepted his bank had profited. Mr Seelig has already accused LFR of obtaining money from Morgan Grenfell by "deception and with an ntent to defraud".

Mr Angelo said his department had agreed to buy £20 million of Guinness shares at Mr Seelig's request, but LFR had sold Morgan Grenfell the shares short. To complete the deal and get the shares for Morgan Grenfell, he said dealers took the chance to buy the balance after the bid when the share price had fallen.

Mr Seelig said: "I put it to you that you and Mark Sohn a London-based dealer for LFR] recognised the opportunity to make a quick buck irrespective of a request LFR should buy shares in the market as a favour to Morgan Grenfell and to support

Mr Angelo replied: "The concern I had was the stock would go up, in fact it dropped and allowed us to purchase the shares for you and to complete the transaction. The concept of trading is to make a profit."

It is alleged that an illegal share support operation was mounted to ensure victory for the Guinness bid over Argvil. the supermarket group. Mr Seelig, and Lord Spens,

former corporate finance managing director at Henry Ansbacher, the merchant bank, deny conspiring with others to contravene the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act 1958. Mr Seelig denies a further charge under the Act and two offences of also denies a charge of false accounting.

One of the charges accuses Mr Seelig of falsifying an invoice to Guinness to cover potential losses to Morgan Grenfell on the purchases of LFR's shares in the brewer.

The case was adjourned

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Cash flow: Nick Hood looks forward to "a stream of unregulated profits"

Wessex makes £105m buy

By OUR CITY STAFF

first acquisition in waste disposal since forming a £125 million joint venture with Waste Management Inc. America's largest company in the field, earlier this year.

Wessex Waste Management has bought Wimpey Waste, a subsidiary of George Wimpey, the construction group, for 105 million in cash, including the repayment of £16.3 million in inter-company

Nick Hood, chairman of Wessex Water, is confident that, taken together with the financing arrangements already in place, the acquisition will enhance the earnings of £35.1 million. This year, May, BET sold Biffa to Severn Wessex Water. "It provides a carnings are expected to be Trent, another water constrong base for a stream of £5.5 million, and turnover pany, for £212 million.

WESSEX Water has made its unregulated profits outside about £37.8 million. Net Wessex Water's core busin- assets are estimated at £25.8 ess," he said. Wimpey Waste million. is one of Britain's biggest Under the acquisition ag-

> landfill, waste collection and disposal of hazardous waste. Wessex is acquiring 5.8 million cubic metres of available landfill capacity and 11.1 million cubic metres that have full, as well as related landfill the necessary permits but are gas exploitation projects. Wesnot yet operational. Full plan- sex will provide environ-

industrial waste management

businesses, with interests in

million cubic metres. In 1990, Wimpey Waste earned operating profits of company this year to offload £4.3 million on turnover of

JOB losses continued to pile

up yesterday as Granada, the

leisure group that learned it

had been successful in the ITV

franchise round, axed 550 jobs

at its troubled computer

jobs were cut in Wiltshire by

Avon Rubber and 300 were

shed in Northumberland by

Alcan is temporarily cutting

production of aluminium worldwide by 8.5 per cent

because of rising stocks of the metal and the lowest price

since 1985. About 200 jobs

The Lynemouth, Northum-

berland, workers will go next

month and the production

will also go in Quebec.

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reement, Wessex and Wimpey maintain important trading links. Wimpey will provide advisory services for up to five years, for a maximum of £15 million. It keeps landfill sites that are either full or almost ning permission is being mental consultancy services on these sites for an annual

payment of £800,000. Wimpey is the second big waste disposal interests. In

increases offer for Macarthy

Grampian

By MARTIN BARROW

GRAMPIAN Holdings, the Scottish conglomerate, has in-creased its bid for Macarthy, the pharmaceuticals company, from £63.9 million to £79 million, but failed to win

the support of the board. Grampian's latest offer for Macarthy - its third in a battle that began in May - is of 147 new shares for every 100 Macarthy shares, valuing each share at 287p against Tues-day's closing price of 269p. The cash element of the previous bid, however, has been dropped. Macarthy shares rose 3p to 272p while Grampian slipped 2p to 195p.

Bill Hughes, chairman of Grampian, urged Macarthy shareholders to end the uncertainty surrounding the company and its employees by accepting the offer. John Read, Macarthy's chairman, said the offer was "devoid of commercial logic" and urged shareholders to remain loyal.

Mr Read also questioned Grampian's financial performance, claiming the company had distorted its reported profits and given "a less than clear picture" of its financial position. Grampian yesterday reported interim profits up 7.9 per cent to £4.1 million and earnings of 4.34p a share. The interim dividend has been raised by 13.3 per cent to 1.7p.

Macarthy previously re-commended shareholders to accept an £83 million cash and shares bid by Lloyds Chemists that lapsed after being unexpectedly referred to the monopolies commission. A third bid by UniChem, the drugs wholesaler, was also referred to the commission.

Mr Hughes said Grampian had identified cost savings of £3.5 million a year that would arise from a merger with Macarthy, including the elim-ination of head office costs and the integration of manufacturing interests. Grampian also proposes to dispose of Macarthy's Lifecycle and Nature's Store health food shops.

Mr Hughes forecast that the acquisition would not dilute earnings in the current year and would enhance earnings in 1992, with the full benefit of cost savines coming through in the following year.

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Whyte has '31% of target'

By OUR CITY STAFF

WHYTE & Mackay has increased its shareholding in Invergordon Distillers by 8.7 jobs were cut in Wiltshire by per cent after acquiring 11.08 million shares in the market and now claims to speak for

31.4 per cent of the company. Royal Bank 4,870
Royal Ins 4,870
Sainsbury 1,089
Scot & N 408
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Williams 1,167 Invergordon Distillers continues to reject Whyte & Mackay's increased cash bid. which is worth a total of £350 million or 275p a share. accusing Whyte & Mackay, which is a subsidiary of American Brands, of "scare-

mongering". James Millar, the chairman of Invergordon, said: "Whyte & Mackay's document presents a misleading picture of Invergordon's business and prospects, seeks to diminish Invergordon's impressive record and projects a gloomy future for Invergordon and the industry. There is an obvious contradiction in Whyte & Mackay increasing its bid for a company it holds in such low

regard." Directors of Invergordon and their families have undertaken to reject the offer in respect of their 5.5 per cent holding, which is worth £19.4 million at the offer price. Invergordon's shares slipped

More than 1,000 jobs cut

By Our Industrial Staff



Mitchard: cutting costs

ting out extra tiers of management and reducing overheads, which, it estimates, will knock overhaul at Granada. The line will be mothballed to £5 million off annual costs enable a restart if demand for and release £9 million over lluminium improves. two years. Tony Mitchard, the on Monday, giving rise to a Meanwhile, Avon Rubber is chief executive, said that the £35 million extraordinary spending £5.7 million on cut-main reorganisation will be at loss.

Avon Tyres and Avon Industrial Polymers.

The problems at Granada Computer Services International contributed to the departure of Derek Lewis, Granada's chief executive, in May. Alex Bernstein, the chairman, said a successor would be appointed by the end of this month.

The job losses will be almost entirely among marketing and selling staff, he added, with just a 4 per cent reduction in the number of technicians serving customers directly. The cost of the restructuring will be £15 million.

It is part of a continuing group sold its Canadian rental business to the management

Lonrho seeks Fayeds order

trading conglomerate, began a ication Act 1986. High Court action seeking to disqualify the Fayed brothers Lourho and the Fayeds dates at the time, decided in March from holding office as com- back to the latter's £615 last year to take no action.

pany directors. an order to force Peter Lilley, Harrods. trade and industry secretary,

LONRHO, the interational Company Directors Disqualif- origins, their wealth and their

million takeover in 1985 of many directors. million takeover in 1985 of John Beveridge QC, Lon-The company and Tiny the House of Fraser retail rho's counsel, told Lord Jus-

A critical trade and industry duped the minister. to apply to disqualify the department report said the Fayed brothers under the brothers had lied about their today.

The dispute between las Ridley, the trade secretary

Rowland, its chairman, seek chain and its flagship store, tice Neill and Mr Justice Mo-Cullough that the Fayeds had The hearing continues

Underwriter was 'as aware as anybody' about asbestos

Names 'misleading' over Outhwaite

By JONATHAN PRYNN

THE 987 Lloyd's names bringing a negligence action against Richard Outhwaite, the underwriter, have painted "a totally misleading picture" of Mr Outhwaite and of the state of the Lloyd's market in the early Eighties, the High Court has heard.

The names, all members of Lloyd's marine syndicate 317/661, claim that Mr Outhwaite was "reckless" in underwriting 32 run-off contracts in 1981 and 1982, leading to losses of at least £260 million as a result of asbestosis claims in America. The plaintiffs include Edward Heath. Robert Maxwell, Virginia Wade and Tony Jacklin.

However, Kenneth Rokison, QC, on behalf of RHM Outhwaite (Underwriting Agencies), told Mr Justice Saville, that the plaintiffs' description of a man "who must be a sucker and a pushover"

market was desperate to get rid of was "totally misleading" and partly based on a misunderstanding of the workings of Lloyd's. Far from being "a patsy", Mr Outhwaite was "a pretty tough nut" who was well known at Lloyd's and "was highly respected before he wrote the policies and still is". Mr Rokison said Mr Outhwaite was "as aware as anyone" about the existence of the asbestos problem, but, like the rest of the market, had assumed that the extent of the problem could be assessed and "appropriately reserved for".

The contracts subsequently resulted in losses "due to a number of developments in America that could not have been reasonably foreseen when the contracts were written", he said. Mr Outhwaite was "not alone in being wrong with the benefit of hindsight". In fact, Merrett

who willingly accepted risks that the syndicate 421, which is believed to have written 12 run-off policies, had suffered larger losses per £10,000 share than 317/661, Mr Rokinson said. The fact that respected underwriters other than Mr Outhwaite underwrote such business undermined the plaintiffs' submission that "no reasonable, competent underwriter would have done what Mr Outhwaite did". However, there was "no doubt" that a

number of syndicates were having to make reserves in 1981 in relation to old years because of asbestos claims, Mr Outhwaite was an "ideal candidate" to write run-off policies for these syndicates because of their "long-tail" characteristics. Mr Rokinson said. Mr Outhwaite had recently taken over the syndicate and was trying to build up a book of longtail business for tax reasons.

The case continues today.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Kvaerner Govan wins £44m order

THE Kvaerner Govan shipyard on Clydeside has won a £44

THE Kvaerner Govan shipyard on Clydeside has won a £44 million order for a bulk chemicals carrier, which will secure employment of the yard's 1,600 permanent workforce until 1993. The 35,500 tonnes deadweight ship has been ordered by JO Odifell of Norway, and will be operated in association with the shipping arm of the yard's Norwegian parent.

Kvaerner Group, which is listed on the London Stock Exchange, announced the order alongside profits, up 9 per cent, of £65.8 million on sales of £1.02 billion for the eight months to end-August. The firm said profits and sales were lifted by the inclusion of the newly acquired Masa shipyards in Finland and Gotaverken Energy in Sweden.

Air France

AIR France, the airline owned by the French state, is reported to have lost Fr1.1 billion in 1990, compared with a loss of Fr882.5 mil-lion in 1989. The airline's turnover fell 1 per cent in 1990 to Fr16.2 billion, according to reports carried by several newspapers. Air France was expected to confirm the figures today.

WH Smith 'lost Fr1.1bn' challenged

SIR Simon Hornby, chairman of WH Smith, was challenged by the Keep Sunday Special lobby at the group's annual meeting yesterday, over Sunday trading at three subsidiaries, Do It All, Our Price and Waterstone's. Sir Simon said he would continue to trade on Sundays. "We have to be pragmatic,"

Review for Alan Paul

ALAN Paul, the USM-quoted hairdresser, has announced a boardroom shake-up and "urgent review" of its operations following the recent profit warning. Brian Solomon, a former director of Grindlay Brandt Bank, is to take over as non-executive chairman, and Christopher Smith, a financial consultant, joins the board as a non-executive director. Alan Moss, the previous chairman, remains a director. The shares were unchanged at 37p.

Penna share price slumps

SHARES in Penna, the SHARES in Baris, the fire USM-quoted outplacement agency, collapsed from 255p September would be down by 90 per cent at about £100,000. The company said that it intends to pay an interim dividend of 1p

Baris profit drops 56%

protection group, fell 38p to 125p on poor half-time results. Pre-tax profit to to 105p after the company results. Pre-tax profit to announced that first-half end-August was £403,000, pre-tax profits to end- down 56 per cent. Baris had given a profits warning after pulling out of an Olympic village contract. It says full-year profits will be much lower than last time. The dividend stays at 2p.

Canada in enquiry

full investigation of the activities of Lloyd's of London in America during the Eighties has spread its enquiries to

'everything you've got" relating to his membership of Lloyd's to help with the senate investigations sub-

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS."

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for Alan Paul

Sir David Walker, chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, professes himself mystified by the need of investors for more information on the effect of costs and expenses on their future pay outs. He is quite happy with the present obscure formula, expressed as reduction in the yield, forecast many years ahead, as an annual percentage. This may be actuarially sound but, as so often,

few others can understand it. Sir David is dead set against giving customers any more information on the amount of commission earned by salesmen, or helping them to understand that life products are invariably more profitable for salesmen than other investments. Letting investors know that the insurance company recommended by a broker is also one of the most generous in its remuneration to financial advisers is another nonrunner as far as Sir David is concerned. It would be impos-

sible to regulate and therefore should not be attempted, he says. Under the current regime only the pushy and well-informed stand a chance of being given

Sir David misses the point

information on commission by a salesmen. Yet Sir David acknowledged this week that the current system of commission payment is fundamentally unhealthy.

Until investors can compare payments to salesmen, they will not be able to judge the independence of their invest-ment advice. Honest brokers should welcome full disclosure.

The Financial Services Act was not set up to protect those already in the know and able to look after themselves. If Sir David will not champion investors it falls to that doughty fighter, Sir Gordon Borrie, director general of fair

Sir Gordon managed to persuade the trade secretary, Peter Lilley, of the need for full disclosure of commission at the point of sale. Sir David seems determined to ignore the call. He seems quite happy at the advantage the current system gives to the sale of life products.



Maybe he needs more direct contact with ordinary investors.

Written off

merica's banking industry continues in turmoil. The Alatest provisions by Citicorp and Security Pacific show that others are even weaker. SecPac is taking the more cautious view of BankAmerica, its stronger merger partner. Moody's, the credit rating agency, sees Citicorp's axed quarterly dividend as positive and is maintaining its rather mediocre ratings.

In principle, transatlantic woes allied with weaker Japanese competition, should leave richer pickings for other international banks still able to expand. One recent sign was the withdrawal of

American banks from UK property lending, though British banks may not have been overjoyed to take up the slack.

The trouble is that the Swiss and Germans may benefit more than the British, whose domestic provisions have been on a like scale. Throughout the Englishspeaking world, banks allowed the quality of their loans to suffer for the sake of quantity. The harvest is likely to remain rotten for some time to come.

BT queries

Potential investors in the government's BT sale will look in vain in the prospectus for any statement from Sir Bryan Carsberg, the industry's regulator, on what he has in mind for future changes in

the control regime or perhapsmore valuable - what he does not intend to do. The government, which has to approve any substantive changes proposed by Sir Bryan or the Monopolies Commission, will likewise not go beyond the bland general statements usual in privatisation prospectuses. In particular, it will not set out any

meaningful policy parameters. This may be perfectly normal and proper but investors will draw their own conclusions. Circulars from brokers involved in the issue have tended to play down the risk of drastic changes against BT's interest, on the ground that Sir Bryan has recently pushed through a big overhaul of the regime via the duopoly review and tighter pricing limits. This will not wash. Comforting analyses of British Gas took a similar line on itz relations with Ofgas until the company was hit amidships by the government's acceptance of radical new proposals from the Office of Fair Trading. BT is due to come under a new pricing regime from 1993 that could take in all sorts of similar changes.

Independent brokers are starting to bring these worries to the fore. A circular from Patrick Wellington of County Natwest. the leading analyst free to speak his mind, has already hit the BT price, virtually removing their outperformance in the early stages of the institutional marketing drive.

Lawrence Heyworth of Robert Fleming boldly suggests that institutions should not be pressurised into buying BT. Instead, they should ask a series of searching questions of Sir Bryan. This is highly pertinent. Sir Bryan has mused far and wide, raising the possibility of BT being broken up, of returns on capital being too high. He has raised the possibility of "excess" profits, whatever that may mean, being split between shareholders and customers. Investors should be prepared for the worst. Sir Bryan has made one thing clear. the value of BT to investors does not come into his considerations.

AMID the teacups and dinner plates at Seagoe Ceramics' factory in Portadown, Northern Ireland, stood a row of smooth white cones, each almost three feet high, and perhaps 18 inches in diameter

These were the nose cones of Tornado fighters. Made from a fused silica, capable of withstanding wide temper-ature variations and the impact of a bird-strike, the ceramic cones allow radar signals to be transmitted and received without distortion.

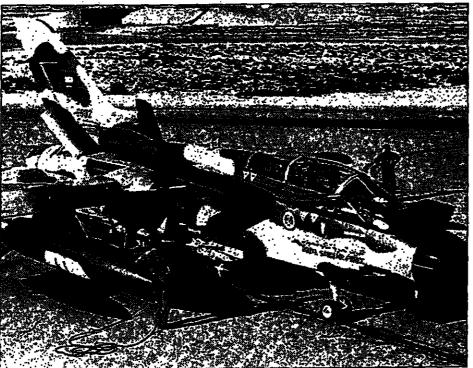
For many years, defence components such as these have been a small, but cherished, part of Seagoe's busi-ness. Michael Coulfield, Seagoe's managing director, says: "Radomes only account for a couple of per cent of our turnover but defence work is steady, and it is profitable if you are in a specialised niche. We would like to have more."

So it is for thousands of companies in the United Kingdom. Defence work has rarely been immensely profitable but it has provided a useful underpinning on which firms have been able to lean a little during downswings in the economic cycle.

Leyland DAF, the Anglo Dutch lorry builder, has had a tough time in the present recession. Demand for trucks in the UK has slumped 30 per cent. A British army contract to supply light trucks and "Drops" palletised load carriers has helped the company retain workers who might otherwise have faced the dole queue. Development work on substitute one product for the vehicles has also assisted DAF to maintain the cost effectiveness of its research facilities in Lancashire.

For firms like these that produce limited runs of defence hardware alongside much larger volumes of commercial products, the contraction of Britain's armed forces is damaging, but it should not be a disaster. They have alternative products, and they have an established marketing network through which to sell them. Commercial products must play a bigger part in the production mix; it is simply a question of re-balancing. But the coincidence of static or declining defence spending and recession has exacerbated

the problems of adjustment. Some companies may actually benefit from the change. After all, no one is suggesting that total government spending will decline. Over the longer term, construction contractors may find themselves building hospitals, or homes for servicemen repatriated from Germany, rather than repairing airfield runways.



After-sales service: despite air raids, BAe kept Saudi Tornados flying against Iraq

Exports offer the best defence against cuts and recession

another with such flexibility, however. Swan Hunter, the Typeside warship builder, has just completed the James Clark Ross, a highly sophisticated polar research vessel. But it has taken considerable study for the yard's management to identify feeder ships for container ports as a growth market where Swan can seek to compete with merchant ship builders.

Much of Britain's defence procurement spending tends to be channelled through a small number of large companies, which often use smaller firms as contractors.

In the year to March 1990. only five concerns were paid more than £250 million by Britain's defence ministry: British Aerospace, the General Electric Company, Rolls-Royce, VSEL and Devonport Management, which runs the Devonport royal dockyard.

In the second rank, receiv-ing from £100 million to £250 million, were ten companies: Boeing Aerospace of America, Dowty, FKI Babcock, GKN, Few defence contractors can Short Brothers, Thorn EMI,

Ross Tieman concludes an examination of the problems

facing Britain's contracting arms industry

Vickers, Westland, Ferranti

The changes that have occarred among these top 15 companies in the past eighteen months alone is worth examining each of the top five has announced job losses: combined, the numbers run into tens of thousands. But there the component suppliers, such has also been a striking as GEC. concentration of ownership.

GEC has effectively subof Ferranti and Plessey. Babcock and Thorn are still wedded through their joint management of the Rosyth

arena. Short Brothers has become part of a larger group, Bombardier of Canada.

A similar picture of concentration shows up among lished an operation in Malaydefence as the largest part of their business.

As Dick Evans, chief exec-utive of British Aerospace, Britain's biggest desence contractor, observes: "For many companies, if defence is only 15 per cent of your turnover, you're not going to stay with it." In many cases, the truth of his words is already evident.

There are really two types of leading defence company: the platform builders and system integrators, which produce finished equipment such as tanks, planes and ships, and

As the historic barriers around national defence prosumed the defence activities curement markets decline, so competitive tension is developing between equipment makers. Platform builders are looking at alternative supplidockyard, but elsewhere ers, often from overseas: Thorn is energetically with- suppliers are looking to chandrawing from the defence nel their products, often

through joint ventures, into weapons produced by foreign platform builders.

Part of the fuss surrounding BAe's rights issue developed because of GEC's desire to secure its place as BAe's main supplier of electronic equipment. BAe argues that closer integration might threaten its ability to win sales in defence markets that are increasingly international

The breakdown of traditional East-West areas of hegemony has opened the way for a free-for-all in inter-

national arms sales. Historically, both sides sold hand-me-down equipment to their own group of client states. The Gulf war has set the seal on the new order. Henceforth, overseas arms buyers will want technology appropriate to their needs, and in areas of political instability, that will mean high

Britain's desence contractors are well placed to compete. BAe did not just build the Tornado fighters with which Saudi pilots shot down Iraqi warplanes: its tech-nicians kept the Royal Saudi Air Force flying, despite the Scud missiles falling on Dharan. No other arms builder can claim such a record of in-service support.

The appointment of Sir Colin Chandler, who, as a civil servant, helped mastermind Britain's domination of the procurement programme, as the next chairman at Vickers is another sign of the trend. Vickers will be looking to the Middle East as an export market for its Challenger 2

Swan Hunter has estabsmaller contractors that count sia with an eye to potential Far Eastern markets for offshore patrol vessels. Vosper Thornycroft, the Southampton warship builder, regards crew training and support as an integral part of its export efforts.

Distasteful though it may seem to some, exports are an important part of the battle by Britain's defence industry to maintain the production volumes it needs to recoup the development costs of hightechnology weapons systems. They are also a key to the preservation of a substantial indigenous defence industry that can increase production to meet domestic needs in times of increased tension, without being a drain on the taxpayer in the interim.

Little wonder that the defence ministry has emerged as an aggressive partner of the defence industry's export efforts. The greater Britain's arms export success, the less the trauma at home.

Cabotage rules OK for British truckers

Tom Walker

reports on a

proposal to open Europe's road

haulage system to more competition

KAREL Van Miert, the EC transport commissioner, argued yesterday that all European road haulage firms should have the right to unrestricted cabotage, allowing them to pick up and deliver goods within another country, from 1993.

He gave the example of a Dutch truck travelling from Rotterdam to Munich. At present, if there is no return consignment for Holland, the truck has to go back empty. Under the proposed new rules the truck could pick up a load in Munich and take it to Cologne before returning home.

Previously, most member states were worried that the cabotage principle would sevbe unfounded.

the EC, there had been a negligible effect on its business. "Quite honestly most foreign truckers are knackered



Freedom fighter: Karel Van Miert, EC commissioner

just want to go home any-way," he said. "They're not in rising to complete freedom by the business of looking round 1998. for new loads to carry some-

where else in Britain. had been granted throughout intervene. Second, if cabotage registered trucks do. immediately becomes a threat

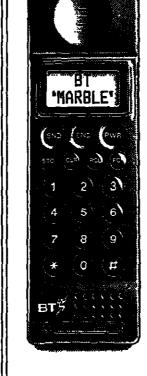
The RHA said the only problem after 1993 will be

But the new liberalisation determining to what extent erely disrupt their domestic could affect transit EC counforeign trucks will have to haulage markets, but an expertiries like Germany and respect British laws. While imental scheme of cabotage France, and Mr Van Miert they will obviously have to quotas has proved the fears to said there will be safeguards to conform to weight and speed the new rules. First, if a limits, it is uncertain whether A spokesman for Britain's domestic market is severely they will also have to be Road Hanlage Association disrupted by cabotage, the equipped with auti-splash and said although 15,000 permits commission will be able to under-run guards, as British-

in 1993, then the commission will be considered by the will construct a transitional European parliament before period, in which cabotage will going before transport minby the time they get here and take no more than 5 per cent isters next spring.

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Ashdown finds double trouble

AS Labour and the Conservatives battle it out for sup-port in the City, Paddy Ashdown, leader of the Liberal Democrats, has been quietly making some valuable connections of his own. Ashdown was at the West End offices of Fletcher King, the surveyor, yesterday, to meet various figures from the nearly ruined when he discovplace at the table was to be taken by a certain David Mellor. Fortunately, it was not David Mellor, chief secretary to the Treasury, but David Mellor, of Julius Mellor, 2 company that supplies Marks and Spencer with bubble bath and soap. The meeting was strained. The two Mellors look exactly alike.

Call of the Bar

SIR Sydney Lipworth, chair-



ready to return to his roots as a barrister. South African-born Sir Sydney, one of the pio-neers of British life assurance, has been called to the Bar, a move which could lead on to a Incrative career in British law. worlds of insurance, retailing He was called to the South and banking. But his day was African Bar in 1956 with Sir Mark Weinberg, whom he ered that the last remaining later joined at Abbey Life, and followed to Allied Dunbar. "He's an enormously hard worker," says Sir Mark, who is busy setting up J Rothschild Assurance and admits that it is all a lot more complicated than it was 20 years ago.

Dark illumination

THE low level of lighting in the Securities and Investments Board's boardroom posed a few problems yesterday for Sir David Walker, man of the Monopolies and the SIB chairman. Sir David Mergers Commission, may be was due to announce, appro- the money we save."

priately enough, that no more light is to be shed on the levels commissions paid to investment salesmen. But, concerned for the eyesight of journalists present, he asked for the lights in the room to be



"No franchise? Think of

switched on first. Catherine Paviot, who joined SIB's press team from the Serious Fraud Office last month, opened a curboard in search of the light switches, then put on the air conditioning by mistake. As Sir David summoned reinforcements, a colleague managed to switch on some side lights, allowing the meeting to

eloom. Milk teeth DEALERS at Barings have been chuckling over the latest edition of Baring Organisation and Friends (BOF), a spoof in-

house journal, which includes a refreshingly comic view of the annual "milk-round", in which stockbrokers and banks go in search of new employees. As in previous years, we have been round the orphanages

unemployable people will shortly be taking up executive positions at Barings. They are exactly the same as those already there." The witch hunt has already begun . . . Wilderness girls SIR Peter Holmes, dapper and

the leftovers. These otherwise

Royal Dutch/Shell, the world's biggest oil group, must be proud of the exploits of two

of his daughters, Jo and Martha. Less than three months after Jo married naturalist and safari guide Robin Pope in the Luangwa Valley, proceed in only marginal Zambia, her sister has emerged as the star of Sea Trek, the BBC's new underwater television series. Martha, who has spent months researching and filming the series, appears on screen wearing what could pass for a giant goldfish bowl. She has also written a book based on the series - taking her one from her father who has produced three works of his own.

JON ASHWORTH

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"Deutsche Bank
and France's
Crédit Agricole
have followed
TSB's lead by setting
up their own
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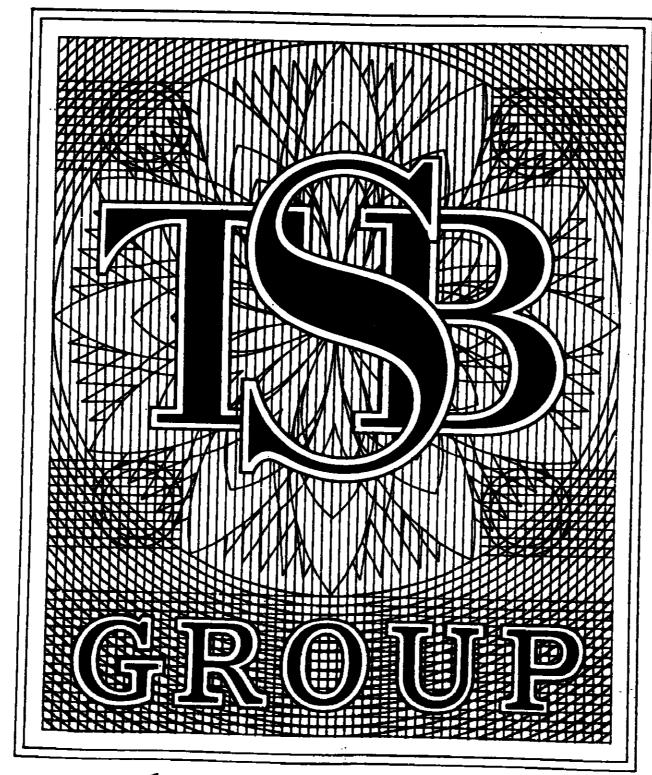
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TEMPUS

Higher stakes put focus on Grampian game plan

BILL Hughes, chairman of Grampian Holdings, must play a shrewd game of poker. Having kept a stony face while two rivals in the battle for control of Macarthy slugged it out in the limelight, he has now played what he considers to be an ace while Lloyds Chemists and UniChem are prevented from showing their final cards by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. His hand, however, is

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hardly a royal flush. Grampian's offer is the only one left on the table, but investors will be aware that Lloyds and UniChem may renew their bids if regulatory hurdles are overcome. Grampian's increased offer of 147 new shares for every 100 Macarthy shares bears no cash alternative and values the target at only £79 million. Lloyds valued Macarthy at £83 million and both Lloyds and UniChem offered an element of cash. These two companies may be out of bounds but still have a lot to play for.

Grampian shareholders should expect their company's record to come under close scrutiny now the stakes have been raised. Grampian knows this, hence a 13.3 per cent rise in the interim dividend to 1.7p a share. Profits rose 7.9 per cent to £4.1 million before tax, and earnings 8.5 per cent

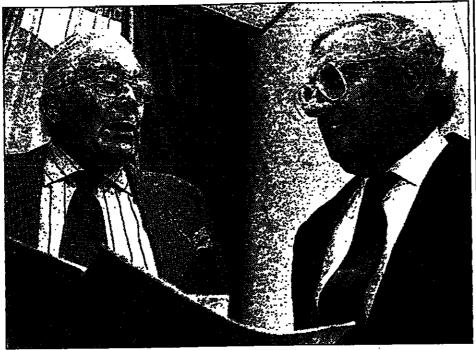
Earnings look competitive in a difficult trading environment, but owed much to a 34 per cent profits rise in the pharmaceuticals division to £3.03 million. The sporting goods division, up 7.6 per cent joint tendering for extensions to £1.35 million, was helped to the Jubilee line and for a hyby a return to profit at Patrick dro project in Spain are International. Demand for awaited. Gearing stood at 98 sporting goods remains weak per cent at last balance sheet, but Grampian hopes further and could be headed for the 40 improvements at Patrick will per cent level this financial sustain momentum.

On expected profits of £14.25 million this year, the £4.63 million to £2.5 million. shares, down 2p to 195p, trade Bob Rankin, Lilley's chief Property disposals contrib-on a p/e of 13, which is executive, sits with a group or-uted £713,000 to profits and a unlikely to rise until the der book of £354 million, made change in the depreciation

Lilley

SIR Lewis Robertson is a company doctor with a well established reputation for staying with his patients until

they are fully recovered. On present evidence, it with the Glasgow co group for a while. Pre-tax profits for the six months to end-June fell from £6.52 million to £1.73 million on a turnover broadly unchanged 8.1 per cent. Hold on.



Slow recovery at Lilley: Sir Lewis Robertson (left) with chief executive Bob Rankin

at £162.2 million, though the interim dividend is held at 1p a share, declared out of net earnings of 0.91p a share.

A profits setback is not entirely unexpected against the depressed background for construction-related groups, though at least the balance sheet is getting stronger, largely thanks to the summer injection of £24 million by Spanish interests that now own 21 per cent of the equity.

The fruits of partnership are starting to show. The results of year-end. The interim net interest charge is down from

and short duration work. Lilditions improve. A 10 per cent stake in Hong Kong Tunnel, with a market worth of best trues for million and million an

million, and put the shares at 41p on prospective 10.2 times earnings. A maintained year's dividend of 2.5p would yield

WALLSTREET

is cautious about the current

year, the group has a strong range for Christmas and its

steady growth of recent years

looks set to continue.

continue to do so.

BRITONS continue to chomp their way through the current recession and Thorntons, the confectioner, is reaping the benefits of their love affair with chocolate. The year to end-June was a tough one, but strong management and a healthy balance sheet, coupled with productivity gains, allowed Thorntons to increase pretax profits by 5 per cent to £11.9 million on sales up 12.4

per cent to £79.9 million. Operating profits rose 14 per cent to £11.4 million and earnings per share grew by 0.5 per cent to 12.6p. There was a 15 per cent rise in the tax charge and earnings per share, adjusted to reflect a consistent tax charge, rose 5 per cent. The final dividend is 2.4p, making a total of 3.6p, an increase of

Macarthy tussle is concluded. up of relatively small value policy added £224,000. There was an extraordinary profit of ley can move fairly quickly to £350,000, arising from tax higher margin work once con-relief on the disposal of Mary

tween £3 million and £4 mil- and French factories working lion, is still good financial am- flat out to meet demand. The munition on which to draw. group is looking at ways to A 1991 year-end pre-tax expand the ice cream business of Lilley since 1986, will be profit of £8.5 million would as demand increases. The compare with last year's £14.1 manufacturing division made productivity gains of 14 pc

> Gearing is a low 8 per cent and, while John Thornton, the chairman and chief executive,

STOCK MARKET

Market fears for financial health of TV winners hit share prices

ATTENTION centered on the television sector as the City tried to digest the longawaited Channel 3 franchise awards. The Stock Exchange extended its allowance for "indicative" prices from mar-ket-makers by 15 minutes to allow dealers to absorb the complexities.

LWT and Granada were marked higher after they saw off challenges with cut-price bids. LWT's convertible preference shares jumped 53p to 198p, while Granada added 11p to 184p. Success helped Central Independent rise by 43p to £10.83, while Tyne Tees added 49p to 284p and Scottish TV 15p to 645p. Profit-taking after a "tremendous run" saw Anglia TV retreat 33p to 198p. The loss of their franchises left TSW 12p lower at 70p, TV-am 22p at 102p and TVS Entertainment 9p at 21p.

Thames firmed 7p to 203p in spite of losing its franchise. Carlton Communications, which ousted Thames, was unchanged at 520p. Mark Deilby, an analyst at Warburg Securities, said: "The surprise element was clearly how low LWT and Granada have bid. They have done very well to retain their licences at such a low bid. Otherwise, it was

The shares, down Ip at pretty much as expected." 175p, are trading on a multiple Meanwhile, equities were of 12.2, assuming profits of £13.6 million in the current generally lacklustre in the absence of positive economic year. The share price has steadily increased for the last news and continuing political uncertainties. The FT-SE 100 12 months and there is nothindex traded in a narrow ing to suggest that it will not range, ending 2.3 points project, rallied from early

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higher at 2,579.0. The FT index of 30 shares closed 7.0 £105 million disposal of its higher at 1,980.5. Volume reached 482.3 million shares. closing up 3p at 159p. Gilts reversed initial rises to

close about £332 lower. 425p, before rallying to close from James Capel and contin-

weakness, after disclosing the Wimpey Waste subsidiary. Ultramar rose 18p to 277p as volume swelled to 13 million Enrotunnel fell further to after an encouraging note

Steetley, the building materials group, fell to 257p, but rallied to close at 267p, down 9p. This followed a downgrading from Warburg, which halved its pre-tax profit forecast, from £40 million to £20 million, for the year to end-December, against £85.2 million last year. This appears to be well below most other forecasts, which are between £33 million and £37 million.

17p lower at 442p, as the group said it is taking legal action against builders who have threatened to stop work unless they are paid more. Costain, a tunnel contractor, lost a further 8p to 64p, while advised its clients to sell Taylor Woodrow fell 10p to 158p and BICC 8p to 362p. However, George Winney, which is also exposed to the

ued bid rumours, centered on British Gas, unchanged at 257p, BP, up 5p to 352p, and Lasmo, unchanged at 315p.

British Telecom lost 7p to 392p after County NatWest against a previous "hold" stance. Patrick Wellington, at County, said that fears about political threats, regulatory risks and competition led him

to predict that BT's pre-tax profits could be reduced by about £575 million, or 15 per cent, in the 1992-93, assuming a Labour government.

Meanwhile, Hillsdown, the food to furniture group, recovered to edge above its rights price of 210p, closing up 21/2p at 212p, providing more encouragement for the company's £280 million cash call, which closes today. Warburg. joint-brokers, have been pushing hard and now appear to be more optimistic on the issue's likely success.

Asda, the troubled supermarket chain, received approval from shareholders for its £357 million rights issue. The shares responded with a 5p rise to 50p, on heavy volume of 19 million shares.

British Aerospace reversed an early decline to close 2p higher at 379p, still at a small discount to the rights price of 380p. The composite insurers remained nervous as the hurricane approaches, with Commercial Union down 12p to 478p, General Accident 4p at 505p, Guardian Royal 3p to 167p, Royal Insurance 2p to 318p and Sun Alliance 8p to

A Shearson downgrading knocked 8p off United Biscuits to 384p.

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Frankfurt — Weakness in the chemical sector sent shares lower. The Dax index fell 14,93 points to 1,570.11.

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34 FOCUS: PENSION FUND MANAGEMENT

Britain's pension funds have reached a new high, but a decision Battle to keep the

pensioners and widows merry

managers have quite a task. Try managing £270 billion in funds for a start. Get it right, and a healthy pension is waiting in the wings. A couple of slips — a Polly Peck here, a Brent Walker there - and the task becomes all the more difficult.

Last year was the worst for British pension funds since 1974. Most were heavily invested in shares, and values plunged by an average of 10.5 per cent. About £33 billion went down the drain. Such losses, however, are only part of the trouble. Legislation and court rulings have left big ques-

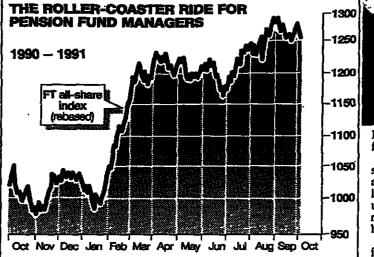
tion marks. The case of Barber v Guardian Royal Exchange led to a ruling in the European Court of Justice on 17 May 1990 that pensions payable by a company scheme must be given to men and women on the same terms. Unfortunately, it was unclear whether the ruling applied from or before that date.

Another case, relating to the pension schemes of the collapsed Coloroll group, goes to the European Court next year and could end the confusion.

Then there are restrictions on self-investment. There is political controversy. Will the government take a lead on retirement ages for companies to follow?

In the longer term, last year's disastrous performance will do little harm. The average return of funds during the past ten years, according to Combined Actuarial Performance Services (Caps), was 15.4 per cent, well ahead of inflation. Funds have typically soared 23 per cent this year and overseas equities were the stars of the second quarter, according to the WM Company. American shares are recovering after a long, dull run. WM reports that even Australian shares, shunned by investment managers for years.

'Will the government take the lead on retirement ages for companies to follow?'



bounced back by 11.4 per cent in the second quarter of 1991.

Competition among fund management houses is fiercer than ever. In 1990, Mercury Asset Management was the biggest British pension fund manager, with more than £22 billion under management, said a survey by Hymans Robertson, the consulting actuary. Next came Phillips & Drew Fund Management, with £14 billion, and BZW Investment Management, with £12 billion.

Legal rulings and government action are quite another matter. Tony Newton, the social security secretary, is under pressure to guide British employers on retire-

ment ages. However, the decision to alter the state pension age is a sensitive one affecting millions of voters, and a consultation document on retirement is the best that can be hoped for as the general

election approaches.
Under the Social Security Act 1990, pension funds will have to guarantee minimum annual increases - limited price indexation or LPL Nobody knows the final cost of Barber and Coloroll to pension funds, so LPI has had to be put on ice.

More legislation is in the wings. The government has said selfinvestment will be limited to 5 per cent of a scheme's resources. New regulations are unlikely be-

Another topical theme is pension rights on divorce. There is an argument that a woman divorced late in life with little time to build up a pension entitlement should receive a share of her former husband's pension.

Even the Church of England is facing controversy over its £2.4 billion fund. The Church Commissioners, as fund managers, have been attacked for investing in businesses with South African links. Although the commissioners do not invest directly in companies whose main business is armaments, gambling, alcohol, tobacco or newspapers, a balanced portfolio may make some overlap impossible to avoid.

There are increasing calls for pension funds to become more involved in the affairs of Britain's blue-chip companies. Seven out of ten shares in Britain are held by institutional investors. However, the National Association of Pension Funds says only one in five pension funds votes at company

meetings. One in four never votes. Far from the City investment houses, the people who are sup-posed to gain - the pensioners are at last getting a voice. The Occupational Pensions Advisory Service (Opas), set up as a charity in 1982, has received an official grant for the first time. Opas works

Smile on the face of the survivor: Deborah

Barrymore, the

Widows pensions

model used to market pensions on television for

Scottish

reaux to help to put pensioners with queries in touch with trustees and administrators. For the first time, there is a pensions ombudsman. Michael Platt took up the post in April and reserves himself for the trickiest cases, the ones Opas has failed to

resolve. He is limited to company

and personal pensions. State and

with local Citizens' Advice Bu-

public service pensions are not in his brief. The pension scheme registry will be especially useful for employees who have changed jobs several times, leaving cash behind every time. Schemes had to sign up by the end of July, and once the registry is established it will be easier for pensioners to trace the

by the European Court is causing concern. Jon Ashworth reports The Coloroll of pension money *

date that pension special ists will never be allowed to forget. That was the day the European Court of Justice ruled in the case of Barber v Guardian Royal Exchange. The judgment has been indelibly stamped on the face of British — and, for that matter, European - pensions history, Jon Ashworth writes.

In a nutshell, the court decided that men and women should be able to draw pensions from the same age, not, as in Britain, at 65 and 60 respectively. Unfortunately, the court did not decide whether the judgment should apply only from May 1990, or benefit people who had retired

There are, however, many interpretations, most of them in the employee's favour. This is the wild card in the pensions pack.

industry has snarled up the working lives of trustees, employ-ers, solicitors, accountants and fund managers throughout the United Kingdom. Nobody is sure of the final cost of the back payments. The National Association of Pension Funds thinks that

Uncertainty

over the cost to

£27 billion is a fair figure. The Confederation of British Industry predicts £40 billion at the outside. In July, the Coloroll case, involving the pension schemes of

the Coloroll group of companies, which collapsed in 1990, was referred to the European Court. The ruling could clarify how far back the retrospection should go. So much hinges on the outcome of the Coloroll case that the

European Court is under intense pressure to deliver an early ruling. A hearing has been scheduled for early next year and a ruling may follow by the summer.

John Cunliffe, the pensions partner at McKenna & Co and the solicitor acting for the independent trustees of the Coloroll pension schemes, says proceedings

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"The Germans are in a panic over Coloroll," Mr Cunliffe says. "It seems likely that the German and Dutch cases will follow the ruling." The Coloroll case and the German and Dutch cases, according to a review by McKenna, "give the European Court an unrivalled opportunity to rule on the retrospective effect of the Barber indement, as well as on money purchase benefits and the position of trustees".

Setting 65 as the common retirement age would leave some British pension funds better-off. Lowering it to 60 for men as well

as women would leave them deeply out of pocket. Tim Johnson, the head of the employment law practice of Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, sees no

immediate end to surrounding retrospective pay-ments. He thinks many employers are trying to pre-tend the problem does not exist.

Mr Johnson says: "There are a lot of ostrichtype firms. They be a problem, but doubt over the the fence. There

is a surprising lack of activity among employers." The question of which retirement age to choose remains high

on the political agenda. Last month, Labour produced a Charter for Pensioners that would give men the right to draw a full state pension at the age of 60 rather

than 65. The Conservatives have been accused of favouring 63 or 65 as a retirement age for both sexes.

Tony Newton, the social security secretary, is due to publish a consultation paper on retirement any day now.

Many companies are trying to pre-empt whatever happens by raising the retirement age for women to 65 ahead of any ruling.



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Sitting pretty and ready for Euro business

Michael Elton talks to Jon Ashworth about the EC proposals that will open up Europe to Britain's pensions industry

are to be given the goahead to manage pension funds throughout Europe, and they have Sir Leon Brittan to thank. Sir Leon, the European Community commissioner for competition policy, yesterday finalised a directive which will open Europe to pension fund managers in London and Edinburgh.

The move will be welcomed by Britain's pensions industry and by Michael Elton, the director-general of the National Association of Pension Funds (NAPF). Mr Elton and his team lobby long and hard on matters affecting the NAPF's 1,200 members and the £200 billion in funds that they manage. Their decisions affect more than six million employees.

Mr Elton and his European opposite numbers held their annual conference in Italy last week, and Sir Leon's proposals were much in mind. The directive calls for cross-border management and cross-border investment - two of Sir Leon's "three freedoms" allowing British companies to advise pension funds in Denmark or France, for instance, and manage the funds on their behalf.

The proposals must be thrown onen for consultation before they can pass into law. They may pave the way for the third "freedom",

ritain's money managers allowing employees to take pooled pensions from country to country, but such a move is a long way off while tax and social security arrangements remain different.

Mr Elton supports the directive but hopes for some fine-tuning. "We are pretty free here to invest across borders, but the wording of the draft could leave it open to other governments to impose maximum investment limits on us," he says.

Sir Leon yesterday announced moves allowing UK fund managers to invest more freely abroad

At home, the issue of equal retirement ages for men and tative document on pensions from Tony Newton, the social security secretary, and hopes the government will give a lead on which age

Picking 60 as a common retirement age for men and women could cost the pensions industry

billion. The NAPF supports equal retirement ages and thinks 65 is the best choice but suggests flexible arrangements. Mr Elton says: "We agree that men and women should now be carning equal pensions. We are in favour of future service equality. People should start earning equal pen-sions but we have grave difficulty with compulsory retrospection."

Mr Elton emphasises that a strong occupational pensions secfor must be developed to ease pressure on the state scheme. He says: "Underlying everything we say and do is the demographic time bomb, a time bomb of nuclear proportions, with the increasing ageing population and a relatively smaller workforce to support it. Overshadowing everything is the issue of equalisation."

Mr Elton spends much of his

time advising members and lobby-ing politicians and civil servants. He thinks the NAPF is being taken more seriously as a result. "I think our voice has been strengthened in the past year," he says.

The NAPF's membership of the

European Federation for Retirement Provision gives it a say in Brussels. As greater European unification gathers pace, Mr Elton and his colleagues will see whether their negotiating powers retain



Cross-border opportunities: Michael Elton welcomes the European directive but is hoping for some fine-tuning to the proposals

THREE EXPERTS GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON HOW THE PENSION FUND MARKET WILL FARE DURING THE COMING 12 MONTHS

Tony Dye, investment direc tor of Phillips & Drew Fund Management, says: "The past 12 months have provided some interesting opportunities for fund managers.

Equity markets were initially depressed about oil prices after the invasion of Kuwait, then recovered as worst fears were seen to be unfounded and hopes of economic recovery in the United States and Britain were encouraged by falling interest

"So the 'shock' for pension fund trustees of seeing a negative return of around 10 per cent on their investments reported for 1990 has soon been overcome.

"Many trustees are turning away, at least temporarily,



Tony Dye

from the more time-consuming approach to management required by specialised funds. and they are re-assessing the merits of the traditional, balanced approach.

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Chris Cheetham, director of investment strategy at Pru-dential Portfolio Managers (a member of IMRO), predicts: Unlike a decade ago, the majority of pension funds now hold little or no commercial property and have a substantial amount of international equities. Until recently, investment managers



also had an aversion to fixed interest investment - gilts, national bonds. Lately, however, the popularity of bonds

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background is benign. Inflation is expected to be low. However, real interest rates are still quite high, so bonds ing more than 30 per cent.

ling's membership of the cheap nor dear. International exchange rate mechanism equities therefore offer solid. albeit unexciting, returns at

> "We can be more positive about British markets, especially equities. The discipline of the ERM should ensure that progress on reducing wage inflation will continue. In relation to both gilts British valuations are

Bill Baker, director of Henderson Pension Fund Mannent, says: "Since the "Globally, the economic sharp sell-off following the invasion of Kuwait, there has been a bull market, with the as with the bear market of average pension fund return- 1990, shares that go wrong do discount recovery cautiously.



"There have been few bids. small companies have had only a limited recovery and. so spectacularly. Consequ-

keeping their heads down. But equity managers also tend to be optimists. Accordingly. we have spent much of this year of recession trying to

spot the recovery coming. "Most of us began the year with high cash weightings and a defensive orientation to some sectors. The process of strategy is far from complete.

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Private pension funds may be tiny next to such giants as Postel, but the amounts are growing fast. There are now nearly five million personal pensions in existence, far more than anyone expected when they were introduced in July 1988. Most people with personal pensions use them to contract out of the State Earnings-Related Pensions Scheme (Serps). However, even though most plans are shells into which state rebates are pooled, the amounts add up to £3 billion a year.

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dards", is not advertising at all at the moment - perhaps another tactic to keep it ahead of the competition. Meanwhile, offices such as Legal & General, with its distinctive umbrella, and Allied Dunbar, with its "health check" series, are keeping up the pressure. Of the 22 million people in Britain who work, about half belong to occupational pensions schemes. Most of the others rely on the state

scheme, but many school-

leavers and graduates are buying personal pensions. Company scheme members who wish to top up their payments can contribute to their companies' Additional Voluntary Contribution (AVC) schemes, although these tend to be conservative.

Wide choice is open to employees, in private and company schemes

or they can take out free- can be used for self-investstanding AVCs, which are run ment in the first two years, separately by life offices and offer more adventurous investment strategies.

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the state scheme, now is the time to suggest they top them up with £30 or £40 a month

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them to channel money from

By some estimates, workers

pension - £3,000 a year for somebody earning £20,000. Most of these people, however, would be reluctant to part with £60 a month.

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From Mr K. A. Crowe

aity, against the host nation, in the opening minute of the 1974 World Cup final and was in complete control throughout. I suggest Fifa officials compare

his exhibition of the art with

bent and act accordingly.

The Squirrels, Halesowen, West Midlands

From Mr Finbarr Slattery

(with a run).

Sir, You list (October 14) the

odds of two bookmaking firms on the Dubai Champion Stakes.

One quotes Generous at 2-1

I cannot understand how any bookmaker can justify an extra 33 per cent profit margin in a book already loaded in their favour. Surely the honourable thing to do is to make a separate

book without Generous

FINBARR SLATTERY,

Secretary, Killarney Race Co. Ltd., Racecourse

I always though that stones

loose or in macadamised form

constituted a road surface. Tak-

ing the referee's decision to be

correct, this means that any

time I play the Old Course I am now at liberty to move any obstruction to a clear swing at

my ball, be it stone, plastic or

any other vegetable matter,

provided that my ball does not

tional forces and follow from the

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The heavy boxers show enormous musculature behind the

neck, which belps to mop up some of the momentum of the blows, but is not likely to

operate early enough to counter

move in the process.

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Yours faithfully, JAMES DOYLE,

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Yours sincerely, ROBERT S. NEIL.

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Killarney, Co. Kerry.

Yours sincerely

matchstick.

Yours etc., KEITH A. CROWE.

12 Hartside Close,

Changes must be thought out New body will

From Mr Robin Stieber rrom Mr Robin Stieber
Sir, What splendid news that
Fifa is going to take action to
curb the time-wasting backpass. Stnart Jones (Comment,
October 11) need not be so
pessimistic; of course, tacticians
will try to negate the effect of the
change as they have done course. change, as they have done every time the laws have been changed since the offside law modification in 1925. They will not necessarily succeed.

This is a positive move,

intended to produce free-flow-ing, entertaining football. Ignore the comments of Howard Wilsystem enables teams to keep possession for minutes on end, without giving the other side the slightest chance to play. Wil-kinson's idea of punting the ball far upfield will at least cede was appalling and manifested itself most noticeably in the application of the offside law, which, although now changed for the better, is being enforced as badly as before.

Jack Taylor awarded a penalty enjoyed the best parties the best patient. possession every time to the opposition, which is what they and the spectators want. If that is the best that Leeds can come up with, the game must benefit.

The details of this reform

must be right or Fifa will have another mess on their hands, like the one they have made of the equally necessary sanctions against "professional" fouls. against "professional tous.
Two key points are that a
goalkeeper handling a back-pass
from outside the penalty area should concede a corner, and being made usually for genuine defensive reasons and not for timewasting, should be exempt

Improving the odds all know it must have one) the better it will be.

From Mr Derek Bratt Yours out of pocket, DEREK BRATT, 26 Windsor Road, Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire. Sir, I fail to see the logic of trainers denying punters essential information about jockeys.
When I see a horse without a jockey in the morning papers, and it is not even in the betting, I disregard it. Now it emerges that a trainer, aided by a coterie of jockeys, has deliberately denied punters his intended rider

This may entail jockeys changing horses, even attending different meetings, which means stay-at-home punters like me, who cannot attend meetings, are basing our efforts to find the elusive winner on obsolete information. The sooner racing implements its plan to declare intended jockeys at the time of declaring the horse (because we

Part of the course

From Mr Robert S. Neil Sir, During the last match of the Dunhill Cup final between Sweden and South Africa, on the Old Course at St Andrews (report, October 14), Gary Play-er's ball came to rest on the edge of the road at the 18th.

According to the course rules, the road is deemed to be part of the course. Surely, then, the match referee was in breach of the rules by allowing Player to move two small stones from beneath his ball with a

Softening the blow From Dr James Doyle

Sir, I was puzzled by Mr Mike Tomkies's letter (October 3), in which he alleged that the "power" of the hardest blow can reduced by 40 per cent by padding gloves.

I doubt if any padding - to the head or fist - has any real effect on the most damaging blows, which are, as Dr Grant on the same date, from rota-

send full team

The negative back-pass is a relatively modern disease. I have just watched the film of the 1970 Cup Final, Chelsen v Leeds. In the entire two hours From Mr Dave Bedford Sir. Charles Thompson (October 10) need not be concerned that British athletics will only send medal chances to major championships, as this is a there were ten back-passes, against the 30-40 in an average minority view.

Previous annual general meetings of athletics clubs have

mandated national managing committees to send "all qualified athletes to major champ-ionships". This encourages athletes in the less fashionable Sir, I read with concern (Octo-ber 10) that Fifa is to ban backpasses to the goalkeeper and introduce professional referees for the 1994 World Cup. Referees and linesmen are not events where the only reward is international representation. It also encourages coaches, admin-istrators and club officials who Referees and linesmen are not as good as they used to be and changing the rules will not make them better. The standard of lining in the 1990 World Cup believe that athletics is more than just gold medals (or big

money).

Now we have a new British Athletics Federation it is opportune to reconfirm its commitment to sending full teams. J understand a motion to this effect will be placed on the order paper of the first AGM in March by some of the clubs. Yours sincerely, DAVE BEDFORD (Hon. Secretary, British Athletics Federation), 67 Theobald Street,

Borehamwood, Hertfordshire,

Rugby failings

From Mr E. E. Smith Sir. Your otherwise exemplary report of the match between Wales and Australia (October 14) made no reference to the illmannered and unsporting behaviour of the Welsh supporters at Cardiff Arms Park. Such behaviour has blighted the game for some decades and sadly has started to spread to other inter-national venues. It does their national game a disservice and counteracts all the benefits arising from an otherwise spectacu-lar and most enjoyable tourn-

Yours faithfully. Red House, 90 Drift Road, Clanfield, Hampshire,

From Mr N. Towers Sir, I had the good fortune to be able to attend the opening match of the Rugby World Cup at Twickenham. Sadly, the experience was marred by the fact that at 2.25pm, a whole 35 minutes before the cerebulate. minutes before the scheduled kick-off, I was unable to find a single programme on sale any-where in the ground.

Not only must there have been great disappointment among the cohorts of fellow programme seekers, but, more importantly, the Rugby Football Union must have let slip the opportunity for obtaining substantial extra revenue. Yours faithfully, NICK TOWERS,

Church Street, W4. From Mr A. J. M. Chadwick, Sir, Old school ties are some-what out of fashion these days. However, I think Old Rugbeians should be sporting their ties proudly during this exciting month. Has any school besides Rugby given its name to such a worldwide sport?

Yours sincerely, A. J. M. CHADWICK,

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Viral infection denies Salman's champion chance to redeem reputation

Confident ring around Pipe

MARTIN Pipe had the un-mistakable ring of confidence at Cheltenham yesterday when discussing the heavily-backed Tamarpour's chance of winning Saturday's Tote Cesarewitch at Newmarket.

"He worked really well this morning," said the record-breaking National Hunt trainer after landing a double with Sweet Glow and Arabian Sultan. "We have laid him out specially for the rose since he won the for the race since he won the Northumberland Plate, as we didn't want to risk him on the rang up to ask if he could ride him."

Amazingly, with 43 winners to his credit, the Wellington-based perfectionist is already ahead of last season's schedule when he established a personal record of 230 winners during the campaign. Ridden with consumate confidence by Peter Scudamore, Sweet Glow gave a fauitless display of jumping before winning the Standard Life Handicap Hurdle by three

lengths.

The champion jockey was also on board Arabian Sultan, who won his fifth race from as many starts when beating Generous Scot by two lengths in the Everyman Theatre Centenary Novices Hurdle. The runner-up was going just as well as the eventual winner when blundering away his chance at the second flight from home.

Pipe reported that Morley Street's full brother, Granville Leopardstown on November 17 for the second round of the Sport of Kings Challenge. Pipe and Scudamore had looked like having a third

winner when Diamond Cut was still in front at the last flight in the British Beef Stakes. But, sympathetically handled by Morley Street's jockey, Jimmy Frost, Hidden Cove recovered from a slight mistake at the second-last to get up close home for a three-quarters of a length

Although Hidden Cove, a useful performer on the Flat, has an obvious future at the winter game, lan Balding has no im-mediate plans. But, talking about Paul Mellon's Sun Alliance Hurdle winner, Crystal Spirit, he said: "We are going to keep him to two-and-a-half



Far Senior, ridden by Anthony Tory, jumping clear at Cheltenham yesterday miles or longer. He's going to this season for Gordon Richards in the Dermot Daly Memorial Newbury then back to Chel- in the Standard Life Handicap Trophy.

tenham for the third round of By far the most exciting sight last race double when Anthony of an exhilarating afternoon's racing was that of Clever Folly length win in the Lydney Novdefying top weight of 11st 12lb

by four lengths to record his Armytage brought A Lad Insane home to a comfortable victory Express.

The trainer said that Mr Frisk Kim Bailey landed a first-and- will not run in the Hennessy Gold Trophy, but will go to Tory rode Far Senior to a 12- Ascot next week. The stable's runner in the first important ices' Chase and when Marcus long-distance handicap chase of the season, will be Docklands

Gallop signals end for Generous

By RICHARD EVANS RACING CORRESPONDENT

GENEROUS has run his last GENEROUS has run his last race and is being retired to stud. The announcement came yesterday after the dual Derby winner failed to impress in a

winner failed to impress in a workout at Whatcombe. Prince Fahd Salman had been so keen to give his flaxen-maned colt a chance to atone for a disappointing run in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. The owner watched Generous being put through his paces around breakfast time, but any hopes of running in the Champion Stakes at Newmarket on Saturday were soon dashed.

soon dashed. Anthony Penfold, Salman's

Anthony Penfold, Salman's racing manager, said: "Generous didn't work with his usual sparkle at Whatcombe this morning and will be retired to Banstead Manor Stud.
"The high fibrinogen level which came to light in the blood test taken after the Arc indicated the presence of a viral infection. It is clear that the exertions of running in the Arc while not 100 per cent have taken their toll."

Ironically, a blood test carried Ironically, a blood test carried out on Generous on Tuesday resulted in the vets giving the horse a clean bill of health. However, Paul Cole disclosed that his ton cole had been that his top colt had been stabled next door to Zoman who went down with the virus two-

and a half months ago. Generous earned £1,127,099 in win prize-money during an 11-race career. Four group one victories included the Dewhurst Stakes last year, the Epsom Derby, where he beat Marju by five lengths, and the Irish Derby, in which he beat Suave Dancer by three lengths.

However, his most devastating performance was reserved for the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond stakes where he pulverised the opposition. In a fast-run race, Generous won by seven lengths, having been eased down by Alan Munro in the closing stages. William Hill, who had in-cluded Generous in their betting

for the Champion Stakes, now bet 9-2 In The Groove, 5-1 Desert Sun, 7-1 Cruachan, Marju, 8-1 Ristna, 12-1 En-

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S FOUR MEETINGS

Redcar

Going: good to firm 2.00 (8) 1, Wolfhound (Per Eddery, 6-4); 2, Mainly Me (6-1); 3, Fermoy (11-10 law), 12 ran, 34, hd. J. Gosden, Toles 25:50; 51:10, 51:50, 51:30, DF: 512:10, CSF: 511:57. £1.50, £1.30. DF: £12.10, CSF: £11.97. 2.30 (Im 3) 1, Jubilete (L Detton, 13-2; 2, Ghylidale (3-1 lav); 3, Dan Sound (14-1); 4, Swiss Beauly (8-1), 17 ran 11/si, nk. H Whiting, Tote: £7.30; £1.50; £1.40, £2.10, £1.70, DF: £10.00, CSF: £26.97. Tricast: £259.05. After a stewards' enqury, result

z.co.73. 3.30 (61) 1, See Devil (N Connorton, 10-1); 2, Johanna Thyme (14-1); 3, Hinarl Hi Fi (13-2); 4, Minnining (7-1), Yes 5 fav. Hd., 19st. 18 ran. NR: Twilight Falls, M Camacho, Tote: £7.70; E2.10, E5.20, E1.60, £1.70, DF: £148.90, CSF: £128.12. Tricast: £869.94.

4.05 (Im 2) 1, Bushy Tailed (R Cochrane, 12:1): 2, Barbay Red (12:1): 3, Queen Of India (9:1): 4, Barksion Singer (16:1). Sale Arrival 3 Ins. 16 ran. 114, MJ. G Wrago, Tote: \$10:40, CSF: £140, 19, Tricast; £1,251,44.

4.35 (1m) 1, Redisham (Pat Eddery, 3-1); 2, Nector Collector (11-2); 3, Briggs Lad (20-1). Birch Banks 10-11 tav. 11 ran. 194, 9J. J Godd, Tote: (4.80; \$1.10; £1.60; £2.60; DF: £11.30 CSF £19.84 E11.80 CSF: E19.84 5.05 (St) 1, Lochsong (R Cochrane, 6-1); 2, Strimmer (16-1); 3, Goldwen (12-1). Deer-hound 1-5 lav. 7 ran 2, 41. I Balding, Tota: 25.10, £1.80, £3.40. DF: £9.30. CSF: £73.20.

sixth victory from nine starts

the Sport of Kings Challenge."

Wolverhampton

Going: good

1.40 (50) 1, Sir Tester (D Holland, 16-1); 2.
Berbers's Curie (20-1); 3, Very Bold (14-1); 4.
Ship Carbon (20-1); 18es Rebee 9-2 fav. 17
ran. Nr. 294, Ind. J Henfs. Toter: £24.00; 229.0; 550, £7.20; 2200. DF: £184.30. CSF: £256.31. Tricest: £4.070.86.
2.10 (1m 3); 7, Friendhypersussion (W Ryun, 8-1); 2, Absolutely Flight (3-1); 3, Island Desert (11-4 ten); 13 ran. NR: Crowpost, Inne. Lock. Sh Ind. Ind. R Hollinshead. Toter.

\$31.89. No bid.
2.40 (\$5) 1, Sobe Guest (J Carroll, 12-1); 2,
Truthiul Image (12-1): 3, Walking Possession
(7-2 tav); 4, Little Sabotaur (10-1), 20 ran.
195, nt, 196. J Berry. Toler \$11.30; \$2.30,
\$2.80, \$2.30, \$2.90. DF: £115.40. CSF:
\$145.36, Tricast: £571.74.

3.10 (7f) 1, Brown Fairy (D Biggs, 8-1); Laurel Queen (15-2); 3, Caromieh (14-1), Just A Step 100-30 fav. 16 cm. NF: Sergeant Maryl. 20, 3741. Mrs. N Macaulay. Tote: 113-30; 54-20, 62-10, 63-40 OF (1st or 2nd with any other); 52-70. CSF: 925-89. 3.40 (1m 200-d) 1, Tarroob (W Carson, 9-4); 2, Pica (W Pyen, 6-4 fav); 3, Crystal Cross (14-1), 19 rm. 161, sh hd, J Durlop. Tote: 52-70; 51-10, 51-80, 53-80. DF: 52-80. CSF: 55-61.

trene Lock. Sh hd, hd. R Hollinshead. Tota: 27.80; 21.60; 21.60; 21.90; DF: 225.40. CSF: Cheitenham Going: good to firm

Classic Statement (2-1 fm). 6 ran. 2, 101 M. Pipa. Tote: 23,70; 22.20; 22.30. DF: 215.70. CSF: 25.37. After a stawards' enquiry; result atcod.
3.20 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Hidden Cove U. Frost, 56 fay; 2, Diamond Cut (5-2); 3. Trojas Envoy (6-1). 8 ran. NF: Busaro Boy. NJ, dist. 1 Baking, Tote: 22.00; 21.10, 21.50, 21.40, DF: 22.90. CSF: 23.38.

2.1132. 4.55 (3m ff 110yd ch) 1, A Lad Insane (Mr M Armytege, 4-1 in-tay); 2, Mandraki Shuffe (9-2); 3, Cruck-Ne-Nes (10-1), John O'Des 4-1 js-lev, 6 ran. 31, 101. K Basley, Tote: £3.40; £7.50, Wetherby Going: good to firm

6 fav); 2. Nawholme Farm (10-1); 3. Midland Led (12-1). 12 ran. 6. 6. N. Tinkler. Toter 22.00; 51.30, 52.60, 52.30. DF: 58.30. CSF: 510.32. 2.45 (Sm 100)d ch) 1, He Who Dares Wins (C Grant, 11-8 fav); 2, The Matfoln (5-1); 3, Caddy (11-2), 6 cm. NR: Farmworth, 5l, 192, W A Stephenson, Tole: 92.10; 51.40, 52.20. DF: £3.60, CSF: £8.00.

3.15 (2n hole) 1, Shu Ry (Jacqua Oliver, 15-8 tay); 2, Logamino (8-1); 3, Vain Phrice (2-1); 9 ran. 141, 374.1 Mrs S Oliver, Tota: 22.90; 51.10, 22.00; 17) OF; 232.60. (SF; 218.40 Tricast: 234.01. 3.45 (2m.50)rd ch) 1, learus (R Fahey, 7-4); 2, Who's in Charge (14-1); 3, Just Franks (3-1). Local Costoner 6-4 fav. 5 mar. 2l, 1l, M H Easterby, Totar: 12:30 12:150, 12:30. DF 13:30. CSF: 218 18.

210cu. 4.45 (2n Indie) 1. Set The Standards (G Thomson, 12-1): 2, Swift Sword (1-2 tay): 3, Dencing Street (25-1). 15 ran. NR: Un Souverain. 7, 61. A Whilans: Tota: 215-50: 22-40, 21-20, 25-60. DF: £6.20. CSF: £18.86. 2.15 (2m 4/ holle) 1, Dewader (G McCourt, 5- Placepot: £46.10.

NETBALL

Fiji beckons juniors

nationals who will congregate in yesterday. Birmingham for open trials this weekend (Louise Taylor writes). The 12 chosen will represent England at the world youth championships (21 is the upper age-limit) in Fiji. That should be more than sufficient incentive to ensure some optimum performances from around 80 triallists

the prize on offer for the would- Under-18 squad who were in-be England under-21 inter- formed of their selection

Anyone who proves outstand ing in the forthcoming home internationals stands a chance of filling vacancies created by withdrawals from the under-21 squad in time to make the plane to Fiji.

mances from around 80 triallists in front of the selectors.

Matches against Scotland and Wales in February and March may not be quite such a glamorous prospect, but it failed to diminish the celebrations of the

HOCKEY

Germans retain unbeaten record

Anckland - Franziska Hentschel, the powerful German forward, scored her sixth goal in three matches yesterday to strengthen her side's chances of reaching next year's Olympic

In beating New Zealand 2-1. Germany registered their third win in three matches to retain their lead in Pool A of the ENGLAND UNDER-18 SQUAD: R We qualifying tournament here. Hentschel scored the first goal when she drilled in a precise shot from a short corner.

Anna Lawrence equalised in front of a partisan home crowd

later through Britta Becker. South Korea, also chasing a over the United States. In the men's tournament

Cees Koonelaar, the Ireland coach, angrily blamed poor refereeing for his side's 2-1 defeat against Canada, the Pool Ireland went ahead early in

the second half, but a penalty awarded against them in the 63rd minute infuriated Koppelaar, who claimed no foul

regained the lead seven minutes Knapp converted the stroke, and Ross Rutledge rubbed salt into Irish wounds in the last place in the quarter-finals, re- minute by scoring from a short corded a confident 3-1 victory corner. The defeat leaves Ire-

> The Soviet Union, looked weak in their 1-0 defeat by New Zealand on Monday, regained some credibility, scoring three times in six minutes in their 3-2 victory over Italy. (Reuter)

RESULTS: men: Pool A: Soviet Union 3, tatly 2: New Zealand 2, Jupan 1; Canada 2 Ireland 1. Women: Pool A: Germany 2, New Zealand 1; France 2, Japan 1; South Korea 3, United States 1.

SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

British team celebrates judo double

the European championship title at Sassari, Sardinia, and the World Cup for the first time (Jane Wyatt writes).

Simon Jackson, from Oldham (under-71kg) and Paul Lewis, from Bridgend (under-78kg), successfully defended their European titles, with Jackson fighting in a heavier weight category than before.

All nine members of the team

ollected medals. Terry Powell, of Liverpool, just missed out on gold to take second place in the gold to take second place in the after the European champion- category. Apsey, Lewis and under-86kg group. Ken ships, nine nations competed Powell all won silver.

A DOUBLE victory is being Knowles, from London, won the celebrated by the British blind sport judo squad after winning The former European cham-

team-mate, Lewis, and had to be content with silver. Mick Murch content with silver. Mick Murch away from the competition (under-65kg), Andy Apsey (under-71kg), Tony Webb to take the title, which is not to take the title, which is not to diminish the honour. There are fears, though, that the Japanese overall title with 14 points, followed by Russia, on 12, and Instrument of the Paralympic Games followed by Russia, on 12, and Instrument of the Paralympic Games followed by Russia, on 12, and Instrument of the Paralympic Games followed by Russia, on 12, and Instrument of the Paralympic Games followed by Russia, on 12, and Instrument of the Paralympic Games followed by Russia, on 12, and Instrument of the Paralympic Games followed by Russia, on 12, and Instrument of the Competition probably helped Great Britain to take the title, which is not take the title, which is not to take the ti

France, on seven. In the World Cup, which was held in Sassari immediately

pion, Ian Rose, from High on a medal tally, with the Wycombe, failed to dislodge his Russians second and Italy third. That the Japanese stayed away from the competition

> Jackson again won gold and Rose this time toppled Lewis to take the title in the under-78

Law Report October 17 1991

No power to hear appeal

Before Lord Donaldson

Lymington, Master of the Rolls,

ord Justice Russell and Lord

[Judgment October 15]

A defendant, who was a vexatious litigant, might not appeal to the Court of Appeal from a judgment given against him without first having obtained the leave of the High Court to do

The Court of Appeal so stated, ruling that it had no jurisdiction to entertain an ap-peal sought to be brought without the leave of the High Court by Terence Ewing, who was subject to a civil proceedings order made under section 42 of the Supreme Cour. Act 1981, as amended by section 24 of the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985, from the decision of Judge Butter, QC, who had given judgment in favour of the plaintiffs, Henry J. Garrett & Co, in proceedings brought by them in Bow County Court.

Mr Ewing in person; the plaintiffs were neither present nor represented.

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Heary J. Garrett & Co v order prohibited Mr Ewing, inter alia, from "(i) instituting any civil proceeding in any court (ii) ... and (iii) making any application, other than an application for leave as required by the order, in any civil proceedings instituted by him or another in any court unless he obtains the leave of the High Court and satisfies the court that the proceedings are not an abuse of the process of the court in question and that there are reasonable grounds for the proceedings or application."

The wording of that order closely followed that of section 42(1A) of the 1981 Act, as amended, and was to be con-strued consistently with it. Sec-tion 42(1)(b) provided that if the High Court were satisfied that any person habitually and persistently and without reasonpersistently and without reasonable grounds made vexatious applications in any civil proceedings, whether in the High Court or any inferior court, the court might make a civil proceedings order.

In Attorney-General v Jones ([1990] 1 WLR 859) the Court of Appeal had held that sub-stantive appeals to the Court of Appeal constituted applications in any civil proceedings within the meaning of section 42(1)(b).

the court, although section 42(1A) was not in terms considered in Jones. If section 42(1A) were to be

construed consistently with section 42(1), any appeal or application to the Court of Appeal without the leave of the High Court would be barred by paragraph (iii) of the section 42 order which reflected section If sections 42(1) and 42(1A)

fell to be construed separately and the latter were to be and the latter were to be construction put on section 42(1)(b) in Jones it was plain that Mr Ewing's proposed appeal was barred either under paragraph (i) of the section 42 order as constitution 42. paragraph (1) of the section 42 order as constituting the instituting by him of a civil proceeding in the Court of Appeal, or under (iii) as the making of an application by him in civil proceedings instituted by the plaintiffs in Bow County Court.

Accordingly, his Lordship would hold that unless and until Mr Ewing obtained the leave of the High Court, the Court of Appeal had no jurisdiction to cause or allow his appeal to be set down or to adjudicate upon

Lord Justice Russell and Lord That decision was binding on Justice Leggatt agreed.

Identification practicalities

Regina v Penny Before Lord Justice Stuart Smith, Mr Justice Waterhouse and Mr Justice Morland

[Judgment October 14]

Where a suspect, who had been released on bail after agreeing that he would be willing to stand on an identification parade, returned to the police station for that purpose but the police officer in charge of the investigation decided that it was not practicable to hold the parade because insufficient volunteers could be found, it did not follow that it was impracticable to obtain volunteers on another day; nor did the agreement of the suspect to take part in a group identification necessarily mean that he accepted that was impracticable to hold a

If objection was to be taken to he admissibility of identification evidence on the ground that an identification parade was practicable or was not imprac-ticable, the defence should require the attendance of the officer whose decision it was so that he could be cross-examined

and his opinion tested. The Court of Appeal so stated in a reserved judgment dismiss-

ing the appeal of Steven Charles Penny against his conviction on February 26, 1990 at Guildford Crown Court, before Judge Slot and a jury, of robbery, on which he was sentenced to 21 months imprisonment

Mr Frank Gillibrand, signed by the Registrar of Crim-inal Appeals, for the appellant, Mr Lawrence Marshall for the

LORD JUSTICE STUART SMITH, giving the judgment of the court, said that it was submitted to the trial judge that in the exercise of his discretion under section 78 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 the admission of identification evidence in this case should be excluded. The judge rejected the submission.

Even if there had been a breach of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (s.66) Codes of Practice, it had to be shown that the judge was wholly wrong in exercising his discretion to admit the evidence before the appeal could succeed. The judge was perfectly entitled in the circumstances to reach the view he did.

Solicitors: CPS, Guildford.

Scots Law Report October 17 1991 Establishing right of action

A tenant of an area of seabed under a lease granted by the Crown for the sole purpose of

cultivating mussels by suspend-ing ropes in the water on which free floating mussel larvae would settle and grow had a sufficient proprietary right to constitute title and interest to sue for nuisance where the larvae were poisoned by chemi-cals released into the sea, not-withstanding the fact that at the time when the larvae were damaged they were floating freely in the sea and accordingly the tenant had no proprietary right in them.

The Second Division of the Ince Second Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session so held, refusing an appeal by Golden Sea Produce Ltd against an interlocutor of the sheriff at Oban allowing proof before answer in an action of damages brought by Mult Shellfish Ltd.

Mr Stephen Woolman for the pursuers and respondents; Mr Richard Keen for the defenders and appellants.

LORD MURRAY, delivering the opinion of the Court, said

Mull Shelifish Ltd v Golden
Sea Produce Ltd

Before the Lord Justice-Clerk
(Lord Ross), Lord Murray and Lord Grieve

[Judgment August 2]

that the defenders farmed same sea pp1, 709). It was unnecessary for title to sue to have any form of ownership of the larvae; it was unficient that they had legal rights dependent upon them so that injury flowed from damage to them. had been banned.

> By so doing, it was said that they had damaged mussel larvae floating freely in the sea. As a result, the pursuers said that they had suffered a decline in cultivated mussel numbers and

ceded that once the larvae attached themselves to the pursuers' ropes in order to grow, the pursuers could then be said to have acquired proprietary cichts

to them. It was implicit in the defenders' arguments that the Crown as proprietors of the mussel as proprietors or me mussel scalps, and probably of the right to take mussels from the sea, would have title and interest to sue in such circumstances. The The defenders argued that the pursuers did not and could not aver that they had any right of property in the fire floating larvae when they were darmaged, although the defenders had conceded that once the larvae attached.

amount of his interest in the subjects let: Rankine, p709.

The question was whether the necessary title and interest had been conveyed from the Crown. Given that proprietary rights in mussel scalps could be rendered nugatory by the poisoning of free floating larvae in the surrounding sea, so a tenant's admittedly restricted right to cultivate mussels could equality. Without such a proprietary right there was no legal basis for a claim to damages. Nacap v Mossar V Mos the defenders' ground of appeal. The pursuers argued that a tenant who suffered substantial impairment of the value of his lease from the actings of a neighbouring proprietor was entitled to protect his interest:

The pursuers argued that a tenant who suffered substantial interest that the sheriff had erred in law. Solicitors: J. & R. A. Robertson, WS, for Kidstons & Co., Glasgow, McClure Naismith Anderson & Gardiner.

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In-form Selkirk to extend winning run

SELKIRK warms up for a crack at the Breeders' Cup Mile in the United States early next month by contesting the group two Challenge Stakes over seven furlongs at New- Handicap over today's course market today.

In going nap on lan Balding's recent winner of the the corresponding meeting Selling Stakes. Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at last year when he ran Gen-Ascot, I am acutely aware of crous to three-quarters of a and Hamilton Park, this Will the fact that he has never length in the Dewhurst Stakes. Pearce-trained two-year-old raced over a distance as short as this, not even when he was Greenham Stakes at Newbury a two-year-old.

strong for them judged on the excelled way that he has finished in his Volksraad, the Henry Cecil-

last two races. that fast mare Annie Edge, he home and he has been backed should also have sufficient accordingly prior to winning speed to stay in contention both his races so far.
early on.

However, he still has a

this as a mere pushover for he is to beat Selkirk, who has riding Liangelles (2.35) and Selkirk if he reproduces his looked a different horse since Perfolia (4.10).

Those performances in- great deal of discomfort. cludes capturing the 2,000 Guineas in the spring after Volksraad's younger half-sis- tance of the Greene King already winning the Free ter by Dancing Brave, Con- Handicap will prove ideal.

MANDARIDE ...

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

and distance.

two-year-old. and the Kiveton Park Stakes Riue Tiger to suggest that he However, with Mystiko and at Doncaster where Only can make the most of this Bog Trotter also in the field, Yours, La Grange Music and drop in class. the race seems likely to be run Himiko were all behind. Howat a brisk pace from the outset. ever, Bog Trotter ran badly at If that does turn out to be the Ascot last time on the same case, Selkirk should prove too afternoon that Selkirk

trained runner, has always marginally more than Bold Being by Sharpen Up out of worked like a good horse at

While some might regard considerable amount to find if apprentice Darryll Holland Ascot form, it is pertinent to he had an operation in midpoint out that Mystiko has run summer to remove a testicle finished at the end of ten his best races at Newmarket. that had been causing him a furlongs in the race won by

going on the right way since her Leicester victory by winning the A R Dennis Bookmakers Nursery.

Today's programme can begin with Toshiba Comet Bog Trotter also excelled at Star landing the Buckenham

After winning at Carlisle This season he has won the ran well enough in nurseries won by Walk In The Park and

> olds, the EBF Chesterton Maiden Stakes, can go to Fast Manouvre whose first run in the race won by Wessaam at the last meeting impressed me Pursuit's promising debut behind Modernise the follow

follow the season's leading

The way that Llangolien Aptasic last time hinted Earlier in the programme, strongly that the longer dis-

Rule amended on void races

By RICHARD EVANS

FOUR sensible reforms to young riders better opportu-racing's rules which will help nities. The upper age limit is to backers, owners and riders have be increased from 24 years to 25, been approved by the Jockey Club. They will all become effective from January 1 next

Races will no longer be de-Races will no longer be de-clared void if they are started before the advertised time. The rule covering void races, which prevented backers from collect-ing on "winning" bets, was introduced to prevent book-makers being subject to fraud. "Nowadays off-course bookmakers have access to many forms of effective communication systems and the possibility

of a total breakdown is ex-The rules governing appren-

and the scale of allowances is being revised.

A 71b allowance will be claimed until the apprentice has

ridden 15 "open" winners (as opposed to ten); a 51b allowance until 50 winners (unaltered), and a 31b allowance until 85 "open" winners (currently 75).

The rules are also being relaxed on ex-professional jockeys reverting to amateur status. At present no jockey who has held an apprentice or con-ditional jockey's licence for more than a year is eligible to hold an amateur rider's permit

or ride in point-to-points.

The strict bar has prevented

riding opportunities, ability or increasing weight from riding in amateur races. The Jockey Cmb has decided to allow apprentice and conditions jockeys to hold licences for up to 30 months and remain eligible for amateur stams at a later date.

In an attempt to prevent races ending in walkovers or matches, the rules on re-opening of races are also being amended. In July the Jockey Club decided races could be re-opened to original entrants if only one horse was declared to run. In future a race can be re-opened if only two horses are declared.

I MPs and peers are being lobbied by the Racecourse

Association about the inconities courses are facing following the tice jockeys are being made people who have often left the implementation of the safe more flexible, which will give industry long ago due to lack of sports grounds legislation. implementation of the safety at

1.30 Wolver Gold. 2.00 Perfect Stranger. 2.30 Paddy Tee. 3.00 Green Island. 3.30 Man From Mars. 4.00 Pollock.

THUNDERER - : .. 1.30 Wolver Gold. 2.00 Perfect Stranger. 2.30 Tarmon. 3.00 Grey Tornado. 3.30 Construction. 4.00 Ruling Dynasty.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

1.30 DONYATT CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS

- NOVICES HURDLE (£1,523: 2m 110yd) (13 runners) 00-6 COOMBE 91. Weting 6-10-11 W Starry (7)
 9-7-25 CAR BELLY BOY 2 ker J Wonnecott 6-10-11 S Donothos
 00- PONENTIND 197 7 Thomson Jones 5-10-11 Le O'Hare
 10- RONGWHEEL 164 Mrs J Wonnecott 9-10-11 Le O'Hare
 5-2-29 SHELLY 5 FOLLY 18 Mrs G Jones 6-10-11 P Ward (5)
 10-PS SURDAY JM 29 H Webb 7-10-11 D Meads (6)
 10-00- COUNTY CONTRACTOR 167 C Popham 4-10-10
 M A Fizzperald
- MA Fitzgerald
 MY HARRY BOY 471F W G M Turner 4-10-10. B Cilitord
 O/ MASA'S MAGIC 883F P Medgeldt 8-10-8 9 0/ MASATS MAGIC BEST P MINOGRICK 610-9
 A Madgrick (3)
 10 84 ALDWICK COLONNADE 293 M Uniter 4-10-5
 N Thomas (5)
 N Thomas (5)
- 11 P. JUST JEAN 107F M Pice 4-10-5 M Thomas (5)
 12 00- LANGLANDS LADY 159 G Belding 4-10-5. R Farmer (5)
 13 5-34 WCLVER GOLD 15 J Roberts 4-10-5. C Maude
 9-4 Wolver Gold, 7-2 Just Jean, 9-2 Aldwick Colonnade, 7-1 Shelly's
 Felly, 8-1 Longlands Lady, 10-1 Our Billy Boy, 12-1 others.

2.00 ISEFLO IODINE CHALLENGE CUP

- NOVICES CHASE (£2,465: 3m) (10)
- S Donohos (5)

 8 P-05 CHRISTMAS BASH 8 R Frost 8-10-12 S Donohos (5)

 9 F00- BLAKELIN 182 N Twiston-Davies 5-10-9 S Cowley

 10 00-F TAKE THE VEIL 8 N Gaselee 5-10-9 A Adems 11-4 Perioct Stranger, 7-2 Deytrook Verb, 9-2 Flood Mark, 7-1 Christmas Besh, 8-1 Take The Veil, 10-1 Blakelin, 12-1 others.

2.30 WATCHET NOVICES SELLING HURDLE

0 TARMON 15 (B) W Muir 10-9 M Pilchards 320 FOOLISH MASCUETADE 7 (B) R Hodges 10-4 A Tory LATIN MASS 10F A Barrow 10-4 S Earlie 62 SCENTED GODDESS 7 J Moore 10-4 A Charlton

3.00 LANSDOWNE CHEMICAL HANDICAP

- CHASE (\$2,704: 2m 110yd) (7) 1 4-04 GREY TORNADO 21 (CD,BF,F) C Pophern 10-12-0
- 2 4351 TILDEBO 8 (D.F.Q.S) J Webber 7-11-10 (Per)... M Lynch 3 211- EVENING RAIN 174 (CD.F.Q.S) R Hodges 5-11-8 A Tory 4 4-UP LIAAS PRIOS 33 (D.S) S Meior 8-11-1....... M Parrett 5 1211 GREEN ISLAND 29 (D.F) A Durn 5-11-0 Peter Hobbs 5 3-12 MR SEAGULL 15 (D.F.Q.S) Mrs S Hembrow 13-10-11
- 7 2116 RIVA'S TOUCH 34 (F,G) Mrs A King 8-10-4 ____ P Holley 3-1 Green felenci, 4-1 Mr Seeguli, 5-1 Evening Rain, 11-2 Tildebo, Riva's Touch, 7-1 Grey Tomedo, 8-1 Liem's Pride.

3,30 TIVERTON NOVICES HURDLE (£1,470: 3m) (6)

13-8 Construction, 9-4 Man From Mars, 7-2 Bomber Command, 10-1 Hostess Quickly, 20-1 others.

4.00 RESORCINOL HANDICAP HURDLE

- (£2,240: 2m 3f) (11)
- 2,240: 2m 3f) (11)
 1 1/3 POLLOCK 75 (C.D.BF.F.G) M Pipe 8-12-0 P Scudemore
 2 1112 RULING DYNASTY 17 (B.F.G.S) M Uniter 7-11-7
 Gee Amyltope
 S McMell
 H Davies

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINER: S Mellor, 4 wisners from 11 runners, 38.4%; M Pipe, 46 from 160, 28.8%; D Serons, 8 from 44, 18.2%; R Holder, 8 from 46, 17.4%; W G M Turner, 6 from 36, 15.8%; R Hodges, 20 from 159, 14.4%; C Pophem, 12 from 93, 12.9%. JOCKEYS: M Perrett, 8 winners from 21 ridge, 38,15; P Scudennere, 33 from 97, 34,0%; P Holley, 6 from 27, 22,22; P Scudennere, 33 from 97, 34,0%; P Holley, 6 from 27, 22,22; S Bustouph, 5 from 24, 20,5%; J Lower, 7 from 40, 17,5%; A Tory, 5 from 33, 15,2%.

Blinkered first time NEWMARKET: 2.00 Collar Wine, Strange Knight, Up Jenkins Casual Fling, Lizzae Drippin. 3.05 Deja, Salt Whistle, Hawa Lityaan

rie it all

2.15 Pandessa, 2.45 Into The Glen, 3.15 Al Frolic, 3.45 Direct Interest, 4.15 Aston Again, 4.45 Peacework.

THUNDERER 2.15 Pandessa. 2.45 Into The Glen. 3.15 Roosters Tipple. 3.45 Shoon Wind. 4.15 Aston Again. 4.45 Peacework.

GOING: FIRM (GOOD TO FIRM PLACES)

2.15 CHARTERED NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (\$1,305: 2m) (4 runners)

1 PARDESSA 17 (F) Mrs G Reveloy 4-11-10 P Hiven
2 8-32 SPOOF 13 M Hemmond 4-11-9 D Bendley (7)
3 0-58 THE HEALY 30 (B) G Costsworth 4-10-5 A Merrigen
4 06-5 ROWDY 13 R Bert 5-10-0 B Skorey 6-4 Pandesse, 7-4 Spool, 9-4 Rowdy, 6-1 The Hesty.

2.45 ST GEORGE'S NOVICES CHASE (£1,992: 3m) (4)

11-10 into The Gien. 5-2 Palanquin. 4-1 Just Maskeshider, 11-2 Just Pretend

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: G Moors, 29 witners from 67 runners, 33.3%; P Monleith, 10 from 45, 22.5%, M Hammond, 9 from 43, 20.3%; W A Supplemeson, 39 from 188, 20.7%; Denys Smith, 6 from 35, 17.1%. JOCKEYS: J Corkell, 3 winners from 11 richet, 27.3%; M Dwyer, 14 from 62, 22.6%, R Hodge, 4 from 18, 22.2%; P Niven 17 from 105, 16.2%, J Callaghan, 5 from 35, 14.3%; A Merrigan, 5 from 43, 11.6%

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3.15 TEAM VALLEY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,610:

- 3 -821 AL FROUC 13 (CD.F.G) P Montelth 4-11-3 F Nurragin 4 44-0 SHONK 52 (CD.F.) I Harris 6-10-10 D Sentley (S) 5 /0-8 POOSTERS TIPPLE 15 Min G Revalley 5-10-0. Hodge 6 0r0- COUGAR 146 Min S Austin 5-10-0 J Contest 7 38-3 GREENOTE ROSE 15 H Whiting 5-10-0 C Dennis 8 0/P- CAPTAIN CUTE 259 R Robinson 6-10-0 L Middliney -2 Facility Letter, 3-1 At Froils. 4-1 Stratem, 6-1 Connect Sentley 5-2 Facility Letter, 3-1 Al Frolic, 4-1 Skolem, 6-1 Greenore Rose,
- 3.45 ENGLISH ESTATES HANDICAP CHASE
- 1 P13. Sh-CON WIND 181 (C.F.Q.S) M Hermand 8-12-0 P Niven.
 2 /ZP NCRTHERN MEADOW 12 (D,F) Mr S Chadwolt 10-10-13
 3 P-83 MAJIC RAIN 12 (CD,S) G Contevorth 6-10-8 A Merrigan
 4 1322 DERECT INTEREST B (C,F.Q.S) Dehys Smith 8-10-8
- P Waggot (7) 5 2-44 ROCKCLIFFE 52 (CD.F) T Cunningham 12-10-1 J Carligham 7-4 Direct Interest, 5-2 Shoon Wind, 3-1 Majic Rain, 8-1 others.

4.15 EBF NOVICES HURDLE

- (Qualifier: £1,731: 2m) (6) 1 PO.2 ASTON AGAIN 21 G Moore 5-11-0 M Dwyer 2 08-6 OLD MORTALITY 18 R Allen 5-11-0 B Storay 3 6 RED CARDINAL 19 W A Stephenson 5-11-0 L A Legisch (7)
- 4 380. THE YANK 306 (F) M Hammond 5-11-0 ______ F1 5 _____ MOSS BEE W Read 4-10-13 _____ F1 8 50-0 PLATINUM REBEL 21 J Cheston 4-10-13 __ J O'Go 2-1 Aston Again, 3-1 The Yenk, 4-1 Red Cardinal, 6-1 Old Mortality.

4.45 METHVEN HOUSE HANDICAP CHASE

1 F2-2 MIDLAND EXPRESS 22 (F.G.S) Danya South 8-11-10 2 -121 PEACEWORK 1S (CD.F) Mrs G Reveloy 7-11-1 _ P Noven 4-6 Micland Express, 11-10 Peacework.

MANDARIN

GOING: GOOD

2.00 Toshiba Comet Star.

2.35 Llangollen. 3.05 Congress.
3.40 SELKURK (nap).

4.40 Fast Manouvre.

.4.10 PERFOLIA (nap).

The other race for two-year-

Otherwise it should pay to

2.00 BUCKENHAM SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,205: 61) (27 runners) 97

THUNDERER

2.00 Toshiba Comet Star.

DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.35 Secret Society.
3.05 Misty View.
3.40 Selkirk.
4.10 Selver Monage.

4.40 Fast Manouvre.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.05 Congress. 3.40 Bog Trotter.

RICHARD EVANS 3.05 Don't Leave Me.

4.10 LONG KNIVES

SIS

(nap).

J Hunter (7) 80 G Serdwell — A Tucker (5) — G Parkin (7) — BETTING: 5-1 Lady Linnet, 8-1 Belleys By Name, Toehba Comet Star, 7-1 Bellic Los, 8-1 Lady Sebo, 10-1 Dollar Wine, Roly Wallace, 11-1 Strange Knight, 12-1 See Prodigy, Aringey, 14-1 others. 1990: CASPIAN GREY 8-11 R Cochrane (2-1 tav) M Tompkins 19 ran

FURM	FOCUS
13-runner Hamilton (61, firm) nursery in September. BAILEYS BY NAME 4% Bith of 18 to Medics With in	10 to Cachebenthe in 10-runner Ayr (6t, good) nursery on penultimate start, SAIFAN 5½t 8th of 18 to Prompt- ing in Werwick (5f, good) nursery with ROLY WAL- LACE (4to wome off) 211th, SEA PRODIGY 11 2nd of 8 to Chris Hughton in Follestone (5f, good). DDESYOUDDES 3½t 3rd of 14 at Haydock (5f).

2.35 GREENE KING HANDICAP (\$5,435: 1m 4f) (15 runners)

Long handlosp: Qualities Aviator 7-6.
SETTING: 7-1 Lift And Load, 15-2 Commenciable, 8-1 Kiveton Kabooz, Endoti, 9-1 Serrish, 10-1 Secret Society. A Mutahm, 12-1 Liangollen, in Pursuit, 14-1 Masai Mara, Prince Hannibat, 18-1 others. 1990: ROLL, A DOLLAR 4-9-5 8 Rouse (16-1) D Elsworth 14 ran FORM FOCUS

(1m 4), good to firm) handicap on perutimate start.
MASAI MARIA hid 2nd of 13 to Useray Spark in claimer
over course and distance (good to firm). IN PURSUIT
B 5th of 14 to Tales in Newbury (1m 5) 51yd, good to
firm) handicap with LIFT AND LOAD (5th worse of) 16
Sth, BARRISH 11th and PRINCE HANNIBAI. 4th. AL
MUTAHM 444 3nd of 15 to Golden Torque in Haydock
(1m 4), good) handicap with SIRE LEATH-SCEAL 6M
11th, BARRISH 11th 44 of 9 to ligan in Doncaster (1m
11th good) handicap handicap or penditiments start. here (1m 2t, good to firm) Selection: AL MUTAHM

3.05 A R DENNIS BOOKMAKERS NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £12,817: 7f) (18 runners)

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	· (5)	531150	DAJA 13 (V.D.F) (Humdan Al-Maidoum) A Scott 96 W Carson	8
	เหล	021024	PAGEBOY 12 (F) (Lord Scaradale) P Hastern 96 Deen McKeown	ŧ
	(4)		WELL APPOINTED 8 (D,F) (T Connons) Mrs L Stabbs 96 D Holland	8
	(13)		PRIMEUS 30 (D.F) (Shelich Mohammand) G Wangg &S F Norton (5)	£
	ดัก		CONGRESS 37 (F) (Shelich Mohammed) M Stoute 9-2	9
	(6)		SALT WHISTLE 13 (B,CD,G) (R Bernard) R Hannon 92 A McGione	8
	6 5		NAJEB 16 (F) (S Suhall) B Hanbury 92 B Raymond	ě
	(10)	253232	CHRISTIAN WARRIOR 16 (Mrs E Adems) R Hermon 9-1	
310	(2)	623143	MISTY VIEW 16 (D,G) (K Powter) M Janus 88	8
	(1)	555314	DON'T LEAVE ME 10 (D,G) (D Barton) G Lowis 87 D Harrison (7)	8
	(9)	0563	HAWA LAYAAM 10 (B) (Makinum Al Makinum) A Scott 8-7 L Newton (5) @	1
	ìή	8020	DAMISTERS PET 18 (Aghern House Stud) C Allen B-6 R Cochrane	ě
314	an)	050	DIGGER DOYLE 28 (P Doyle) C Allen 84 6 Berthell	ŧ
315	(181)	02240	KILMELFORD 27 (Miss U Toller) J Toller 83	٤
316	(14)	555300	ANAR 13 (Mass M Kalaji) W Carter 7-12	8
317	(11)		HORIZONTALE 12 (Mrs. J. Histop.) C British 7-9	8
318	(3)		MOOR LODGE 40 (8 Schmidt-Bodner) M Tompkins 7-7	ŧ

Company Compan

THUNDERER MANDARIN 2.15 Volpedo. 2.45 Kameo Style. 2.15 Major League. 2.45 Kameo Style. 3.20 Grey Rum. 3.50 Sillars Stalker. 3.20 Preoblakensky. 3.50 Video Dealer. 4.25 Tug Of Gold. 4.55 Emperors Warrior. 4,55 Mo Ichi Do. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.45 PALM LAD. SIS GOING: GOOD 2.15 GREENHILL CHEMICALS NOVICES HURDLE (\$1,873: 2m 4f) (16 numbers)

3/D436- ALAN BALL 283 (Giberts Ankasi Feed Products) Miss S Wilton 5-10-12.
22(930-0 ARRAIN VIEW 12 (B Llewellyn) B Llewellyn 5-10-12.
02(1322- BUCKINGHAM GATE 197 (8) (T Whiley) D Gendolfo 5-10-12.
5 CHEROKEE DANCER 341 (W Stephenson) W A Stephenson 5-10-12.
6 GRAIN MERICHANT 355 (5 Elle) Mrs S Minne 5-10-12.
4200/6 LUCKY BUCKET 12 (5) (A Urick) Grasme Ros 9-10-12.
980- MAJOR LEASUE 224 (Dr D Morris) Miss H Kright 5-10-12.
050- MANOR LEASUE 224 (Dr D Morris) Miss H Kright 5-10-12.
050- MANOR LEASUE 284 (Dr D Morris) Miss H Kright 5-10-12.
10 MANOR MEANS 159 (F Haveroroff) J Macide 4-10-11.
110421- TRAINSMIT 134 (F,S) (Miss N Tsylor) M O'Niell 4-10-11.
4390- TUFFNUT GEORGE 168 (D Love) J Pickering 4-10-11.
40-2 VOLPED 12 (C Secrical Controls Liu) R Misning 4-10-11.
PO/P0/ CELTICKERRY 1030 (S MecDonaid) C Broad 8-10-7.
TIMG: 7-2 Parting Hour, 9-2 Alan Ball, 11-2 Train Robber, 6-1 Transmit, 6-1 Bucking Martin Jones . D Byrne W Mension (7) B Dowling B Dowling — Window 98 — S J C' Neil — A S Smith • 89 N Doughty —
..... D Dennis (7) 70
S Smith Eccles 97
........ A Carroll —

BETTING: 7-2 Perting Hour, 9-2 Alen Bell, 11-2 Train Robber, 8-1 Transmit, 8-1 Buckingham Gate, 10-1 Volpedo, 12-1 Arran View, 14-1 Cherokse Dencer, 16-1 others. 1990: ROCKTOR 5-10-12 B Powell (11-8 fav) D Serons 16 ran

2.45 BRITISH COAL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,172: 2m 4f) (10 runners)

D Stripwater 78

Long handicap: Soler Cloud 9-13, Kameo Style 9-12, Palm Lad 9-11, Contact Kelvin 9-9, Best Thyme 9-8, Smooth Start 9-6. BETTING: 11-4 Kissane, 7-2 Kemeo Style, 4-1 Pura Money, 8-1 Solar Cloud, 7-1 Contact Kelvin, 8-1 Smooth Start, 12-1 Annattes Venture, 14-1 others. 1990: SUPER EXPRESS 9-10-3 R Greene (8-1) D Barons 8 ran

3.20 COMPUTER DISASTER RECOVERY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,793: 2m) (16 runners) 1 024-1 GREY RUM 12 (CD,G) (T Reggett) R Lee 8-11-5.

ż	40/26	ARDCRONEY CHIEF 348 (W Dore) D Gandolfo 5-10-12	97
3	0/4/30F-	BIRKBECK LAO 203 (Mes J Smith) B Stevens 6-10-12 W McFerland	_
4	520	CLASSIC SUITE 83F (G Famdon) R Woodhouse 5-10-12	81
5	220402-	DAUNOU 159 (Alten Lamb/Gliny Leng Recing Pic) 8 Christian 5-10-12	98
8	25/	RED BREWSTER 725 (S Sheers) Mrs A Knight 5-10-12	_
7	,	ROYAL ACCLASA 20F (R Miles) J Brackey 6-10-12 Mr R Farrant (7)	_
A		YEOMAN FORCE 27F (J Dunkerton) J Bradley 5-10-12	_
š	Sr2220P-	BMERALD RULER 10F (R Nictrolls) F Jorden 4-10-11	_
10	-,	MARJONS BOY 34F (J Harrison) M Bell 410-11 S Smith Eccles	
11	6	MYVERYGOODFRIEND 15 (R Long) A Turnel 4-10-11	77
12	0-3	PREOBLAKENSKY 21 (BF) (Torsvon Homes) G Richards 4-10-11	75
13	85-	WALLISTRANO 325 (J Upeon J Upeon 4-10-11	75
14	25,1129.2	POP ABROAD 12 (BF) (A Eston) P Seven 6-10-7 T Wall	9 99
15		COMBC RELIEF 12 (A Rescher) B Morgan 4-10-8.	78
16		YANKEE FLYER &IF (J Pointon) Miss & Witton 4-10-6	_
		Control of the San 14.0 Bearing and 18.0 Lines and	~
BET	TING: 3-1	Pop Abroed, 9-2 Grey Rum, 11-2 Preoblekensicy, 13-2 Myverygoodtriend, 10-1 Marjone Boy, Cicroney Chief, 14-1 Classic Suite, 16-1 others.	-
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1990: ROSS VENTURE 5-10-12 N Williamson (14-1) J Edwards 14 ran Red Bishop, trained by John Gosden, trains the 16-1 chances Hieroplyphic and

is 14-1 favourite with the sponsors for the William Hill November Handicap at Doncaster next month. Gosden also first nine in the betting.

FORM FOCUS

KEEP IN MIND best Arneer Delham shind in 15-runner Nothingham (1m, good to firm) nursery with DON'T Leave ME (surve terms) 2'41 and DAIA desopointing sands besting Jezz II in 11-runner Wolverhampton (71, good to firm) auchon race in September.

DON'T Leave ME best CHRITTAN WARRING (1b, good to firm) auchon race in September.

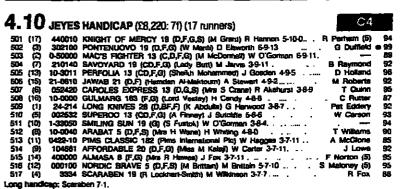
PAGEEDY Zet 4th of 36 to Merins Wish in nursery here (81, good to firm) WELL APPOINTED 3'ktl 2nd of good to firm) auchon race in 36 to Nersberta Star in York (71, good in firm) nursery on penultismate start with KILMEPORD (40 better off) 1'41 4th and DON'T LEAVE ME (1b) worse off) 3'4th DAMISTERS PET (11 2nd of 14 to Sharphor at Baverley (71 100yct, firm) on penultismate start.

3.40 CHALLENGE STAKES (Group II: £42,192: 71) (8 runners) 401 (8) 1-30140 LA GRANGE MUSIC 19 (CD.F.G) (D Trompson) J Fanchawa 4-8-0 G Duffield 84 402 (1) 3-11004 MYSTRINO 40 (CD.F.G) (Downger Lasty Beavestrock) C Brittam 3-9-0 M Roberto 92 233411 SELKERK 19 (F.S.) (G Sarawbridge) I Balding 3-9-0 R Cochrane 99 404 (3) 22-1010 BOG TROTTER 19 (D.BF.F.G) (B Haggas) W Haggas 3-8-11 L Pagyott 94 405 (7) 2110 KAZCO 130 (F.G.) (Neah Motemmed) J Wetts 3-8-11 W Carson 92 405 (0) 13143 ONLY YOURS 35 (CD.F.G.) (Neah Motemmed) H Cacil 3-8-11 Pat Eddery 94 408 (2) 241150 Hamilto 13 (D.F.G.S) (Y Ito) 9 Hills 3-8-8 M Hills 94 408 (2) 241150 Hamilto 13 (D.F.G.S) (Y Ito) 9 Hills 3-8-8 M Hills 94 408 (2) 241150 Hamilto 13 (D.F.G.S) (Y Ito) 9 Hills 3-8-8 M Hills 94 408 (2) 241150 Hamilto 13 (D.F.G.S) (Y Ito) 9 Hills 3-8-8 M Hills 94 408 (2) 241150 Hamilto 13 (D.F.G.S) (Y Ito) 9 Hills 3-8-8 M Hills 94 408 (2) 241150 Hamilto 13 (D.F.G.S) (Y Ito) 9 Hills 3-8-8 M Hills 94 408 (2) 241150 Hamilto 13 (D.F.G.S) (Y Ito) 9 Hills 3-8-8 M Hills 94 408 (2) 241150 Hamilto 13 (D.F.G.S) (Y Ito) 9 Hills 3-8-8 M Hills 94 408 (2) 241150 Hamilto 13 (D.F.G.S) (Y Ito) 9 Hills 3-8-8 M Hills 94 408 (2) 241150 Hamilto 13 (D.F.G.S) (Y Ito) 9 Hills 3-8-8 M Hills 94 408 (2) 241150 Hamilto 13 (D.F.G.S) (Y Ito) 9 Hills 3-8-8 M Hills 94 408 (2) 241150 Hamilto 13 (D.F.G.S) (Y Ito) 9 Hills 3-8-8 M Hills 94 408 (2) 241150 Hamilto 13 (D.F.G.S) (Y Ito) 9 Hills 3-8-8 M Hills 94 408 (2) 241150 Hamilto 13 (D.F.G.S) (Y Ito) 9 Hills 3-8-8 M Hills 94 408 (2) 241150 Hamilto 13 (D.F.G.S) (Y Ito) 9 Hills 3-8-8 M Hills 94 408 (2) 241150 Hamilto 13 (D.F.G.S) (Y Ito) 9 Hills 3-8 M Hills 94 408 (2) 241150 Hamilto 13 (D.F.G.S) (Y Ito) 9 Hills 3-8 M Hills 94 408 (2) 241150 Hamilto 14 (D.F.G.S) (Y Ito) 9 Hills 3-8 M Hills 94 408 (2) 241150 Hamilto 14 (D.F.G.S) (Y Ito) 9 Hills 3-8 M Hills 94 408 (2) 241150 Hamilto 14 (D.F.G.S) (Y Ito) 9 Hills 3-8 M Hills 94 408 (2) 241150 Hamilto 14 (D.F.G.S) (Y Ito) 9 Hills 3-8 M Hills 94 408 (2) 241150 Hamilto 14 (D.F.G.S) (Y Ito) 9 Hills 3-8 M Hills 94 408 (2) 241150 Hamilto 14 (D.F.G.S) (Y Ito) 9 Hills

BETTING: 54 Selbrik, 11-2 Bog Trotter, 5-1 Mystako, 13-2 Valherend, 10-1 Himko, 12-1 Only Yours, La Grango Music, 20-1 Kazoo.

1990: SALLY ROUS 3-8-8 G Center (11-4) G Wrapg 8 ren **FORM FOCUS**

INSTINC 63th 4th of 6 to Poler Falcon in the group I double Spreat Cup at Heydock (8f. good to firm), best Stakes at Doncseter (7f. good to firm) with the beating Lycius head in 14-harner group in the Heydon Academi 2,000 Gaineas over 1m (good) here in BOG TROTTER 20 12th. ELKIRK best Kooyongs 15th in 9-harner group i seen Elizabeth it Stakes at Ascot (1m, good to seen 1, 1%) at Ascot (7f. good to firm) the LA GRANGE MUSIC 37th 8th. BOG TROTTER In 14 at Ascot (7f. good to firm) Selection: SELKIRK (nap)	Cibroke Spring Cup at Heydock (6f. good to firm), best in when besting Lycius head in 14-hunner group I internal Accident 2,000 Guineas over 1m (good) hare th BOG TRIOTTER 20112th.	States at Doncister (r., good to him) will vivours yours (same terms) 21/4 3rd. LA GRANGE MUS- 11/51 4th and HIMIKO 11 5th KAZOO best Marlessa. In 15-runner German 1,000 Guinees at Dussettort (r. pood) on perutimate start VOLKSRAAD best Fr						



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Lucas to return

TERRY Lucas, the Australian jockey, has signed up for a third spell in Britain. Lucas, aged 41, has been promised rides by Yorkshire trainers Mick Easterby and Lynda Ramsden before the end of the Flat season.

Lucas has been out of action since January, Lucas has been out of action since January, when he injured a shoulder in Singapore, his base for several years. "My wife's family are in Ireland, and I like Britain, so I decided to give it a go again," he said yesterday. "If it goes well I hope to stay here next season."

Lucas, with some 1,500 winners worldwide, registered around 100 winners in his two previous spells in Britain. Between 1979 and 1981 he rode principally for Easterby and in 1986 and 1987 for



ers quickly.

Why Durham was an offer too good to refuse

On the day Durham unveils its squad

for its first season as a first-class county,

Paul Parker, the former captain of

Sussex, reveals why he signed up for

one last cricketing adventure



hen I told my young son, Jamie, that I was going to play for Durham next no doubt sadly reflecting on the privileges he would forgo at the County Ground, Hove, in 1992. Then his face lit up. "Great, Dad, you can get Ian Botham's

To young and old alike, the signing of England's great allrounder has put the newest and northernmost first-class county firmly on the cricketing map. No sooner was it rumoured that L too, was to join Durham, than people immediately started telling me how interesting it would be to play alongside "old Both".

I readily agree. It will certainly be an experience to be in the same side as him, but the reasons for emigrating to the far north next summer go beyond that. The advent of Durham represents the



most exciting and interesting challenge in county cricket.

At the start of last season I was contemplating my future in the game. Having been the elder statesman and proud captain of my county for the past three ons, I was looking forward to furthering the frustratingly slow advance of Sussex into respectability over the coming two seasons. This would have coincided neatly with the termination of my playing contract. Perhaps then, at the age of 36, I would have reached the time to bow out graciously and seek what

most people outside cricket would term proper employment.

At no time had the thought of changing county entered my head. In fact, I was looking forward to playing against Durham, especially on their home turf. After 16 years of first-class cricket, some of the drudgery of the travelling, especially the trek up the M1 to the Midlands, was beginning to tell. The name, Chester-le-Street however, has a romantic ring to it.

Durham is built around a cathedral, and although Darlington does not sound so appealing to an ignorant southerner, I was

looking forward to playing at the new venues and against different

But the vagaries of professional sport do not allow such long-term

danning. Towards the end of July, Alan Caffyn, the Sussex chairman, asked to see me. He informed me of the committee's decision to ask me to stand down as captain. This was a bitter blow.

Sussex did make me a generous offer to remain for the last year of my contract, but I was pleased to be given the freedom to move county or retire. Several counties had expressed interest in me, but the proposition from Durham Here was literally a once-in-a-

lifetime opportunity - the chance to join the first new first-class county since Glamorgan graduated in 1921. To a profes

career, rarely does a completely new challenge present itself. The location of County Durham, in a curious way, merely added to the attraction.

On the playing side, there is the very real and exciting possibility of success, especially in limited-overs matches. A betting line-up which includes Wayne Larkins, Dean Jones and Ian Botham is not short of match-winners and I am looking forward to running be-

tween the wickets with Jones. If our bowling reserves seem thin, David Gravency will welcome the apportunity to wheel away at one end. His role as captain will be crucial next season. An amiable and able leader on the field, he will need all his experience and integrity to create the right blend from an unusual

Geoff Cook, Durham's director of cricket, has bought himself two

the potential of the county's own very talented young cricketers. It will be in this area, in particular, that the experience of the imported players can be put to

effective use I am acutely aware of the need to integrate and be accepted as soon as possible, and performance on the field will be the quickest way. Equally important will be the ability to recognise Durham's need to introduce its own cricket-

Moving counties will cause great disruption in my home, but professional cricket has ever been thus, an itinerant, enjoyable but precarious existence in which the family generally gets a raw deal. On purely selfish grounds, I am eagerly looking forward to next season - the beginning of the last, and perhaps the biggest, adventure of my professional career.

Spanish golfer chases a fifth World Match Play victory

Ballesteros has chance to set the record straight

By MITCHELL PLATTS GOLF CORRESPONDENT

SEVERIANO Ballesteros is well aware that a victory in the Toyota World Match Play Championship, which starts at Wentworth today, would enable him to obliterate, once and for all, the bitter memories of the psychological pounding he endured in 1990.

Twelve months ago Bal-lesteros trudged off the West course after being beaten 8 and 6 by Ronan Rafferty. It was only the second time in 15 consecutive appearances in defeated in the first round.

critical time for Ballesteros. He had stumbled from one

WENTWORTH WEST COURSE

Edwards proves the

dominant partner

SPENCER Edwards, an enter- Mike Inglis, reached the turn in

0845 and 1315: F Couples (US) (5) v N Ozeki (Japan). 0900 and 1330: M Calcavecchia (US) (6)

0845 and 1315; S Bellesteros (Sp) (4) v

trophy as a tangible reward for about his swing. He cited lack then he has been frustrated in

the halfway cut in successive heading home for the winter Ballesteros was at war with and the Dunhill Masters a

Couples or Ozaki. 0900 and 1330: N Faldo (Eng) (3) v

TELEVISION: Today: BBC2: 1415-1730 (news at 1500 and 1550). Tomorrow: BBC2: 1415-1730 (news at 1500 and

of desire as a contributing Furthermore, he had missed factor for his indifferent play. The Spaniard rekindled his major championships for the enthusiasm during the winter first time in his career. He break at his home in Pedreña. failed in the Open and then He won in Japan, then he took disappointment to another had rounds of 77 and 83 in the the Volvo PGA Champthat year and found himself US PGA Championship. ionship at Wentworth in May

an abrupt end when Rodger Davis crushed him 7 and 6. Two years later, Sandy Lyle

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In 1989, Ballesteros put out Chip Beck 9 and 8, and the American eloquently des-cribed himself as having been "tested in the crucible of humiliation". A day later it was Ballesteros's turn; he lost 6 and 5 to Nick Faldo.

in the Volvo Masters in Spain

No. 1 player in the 1991 order

of merit, but it is a win in this

championship on Sunday that he cherishes. It would com-

Ballesteros, however, does

have an ambivalent relation-

ship with this event. He won

the title four times in five

years from 1981, but since

his attempt to equal Gary

Indeed, Ballesteros has been

well beaten in four of his last

five attempts. His title de-

fence in 1986 was brought to

beat him by a similar markin.

Player's record of five wins.

Ballesteros is one of the four Finch, the Open champion Ian Woosnam, the Masters champion, and Faldo, who do not play until tomorrow. That is a blessing for him. "T've got flu and a bad back," he said. "I've been on antibiotics for five days for a throat infection, and I've had two antiinflammatory injections in the base of my back."

The first-round interest to day will centre on Colin Montgomerie and Steve Richardson, who play Mark Calcavecchia and Nick Price, respectively, while Balles-teros's opponent will be the winner of the match between Fred Couples and Joe Ozaki Tom Partzer and Billy Andrade meet for the right to take on Woosnam, the defend-

Spaniard stands by to upset Davies

By PATRICIA DAVIES

matcholay championship at and ignoring history to nominate her as the winner.

The course, which measures a fraction under 6,000 yards, is should win. One certainty is playing every inch of that after recent heavy rain and some she is in the United States trying players were rearranging their to win her US tour card. bags to include as wide a variety as possible of woods and wedges, jettisoning their irons as

so much excess baggage.
Last year, when Davies reached the third round, only to be beaten by Alison Nicholas, she resterated her dislike for this should. Maria Navarro, Da- (their top ten players) to come vies's Spanish opponent in the and acclimatise by competing first round, will fancy berself to for the £50,000 first prize.

LAURA Davies should be the cause a not entirely unexpected Dale Reid, the second seed who was beaten in the final by ing today, but it is tempting fate Florence Descampe last year, and ignoring history to nomi- also faces a tough battle, against Jane Hill, of Zimbabwe, but it is

the sort of match the Sont

If she has the time, perhaps she can do some lobbying on behalf of the Weetahix women's British Open. It has moved its date from early August to September 24 to 27, the week before the Solheim Cup (the women's equivalent of the Ryform of the game at which she der Cup), in an effort to perrarely progresses as far as she suade the United States team



Ten out of ten: Underwood, the England wing, goes through the paces at a training session near Paris yesterday

Hourquet opts:to withdraw

RENE Housquet, France's leading referee, has withdrawn from the list of 12 officials invited to handle the knockout stages of the World Cup in what amounts, I understand, to a gesture of sympathy with his

omitted colleague, Patrick Robin (David Hands writes). Robin was one of only two referees from the seven senior rugby-playing countries not to advance to the later stages of the tournament. The other was I es Peard, of Wales; ironically Peard now comes into the final 12 instead of Hourquet. The official bulletin from the

World Cup organisers explained the change by saying that Hourquet, whose international career began in 1983, was unable to fulfil his commitments to the However, it appears that French administrators were not

happy, when the appointments were decided on Tuesday, that Robin had been excluded and Housquet's withdrawal is the upshot.
Robin handled only one

World Cup match, that between Wales and Western Samoa, in which a try was awarded in controversial circumstances to the Samoan centre, To'o Vaega

The kicking yips has struck before. When Australia and Ireland met in a schools' match in 1982, the Wallabies scored six tries but he failed to convert any

Competition results

38-3 win over Wales on Sat-urday, he told Marty Roebuck,

the reserve kicker, that he would hand the ball to him if he was off

target with his first kick in the second half. It sailed over, and

Lynagh did not miss again, but

he left the field a worried man.

MRS JEAN Hudson has won bottle of Famous Grouse, are: wo tickets for the Rugby World Cop final as the first prize in the competition in The Times on October 5. Mrs Hudson, of Roman Way, Wantage, Oxfordshire, and a friend will be the guests of the Famous Grouse Scotch whisky, one of the totrnament's sponsors, at the final and for hospitality before and after the match. The tem runners-up, who each receive a Staphan Advance, Ashsheris, 1. Eden Park, Auckland; 2. Japan and Western Samoe; 3. Witte Otherspace; 4, Posy Underwood; 5, Quality. competition in The Times on

From BRYAN STILES MICHAEL Lynagh, the golf-playing Australian stand-off half, has developed the rugby equivalent of the yips. His putting touch has remained intact on Ireland's tricky greens but, when he lines up the oval ball for a kick at goal, his

Lynagh seeks rest cure to

banish the dreaded yips

RUGB thought processes are in a whiri. WORLD CUP He may be the second-highest scorer in the tournament, with 39 points, but he has been off tour of the home countries in target with kicks he thought should have been a piece of cake. He has decided he needs a 1984, Lynagh lost his confidence again and Roger Gould was brought in to kick in the match against Wales. The break rest cure and has studiously avoided locking practice at all of Anstralia's training sessions since arriving in Ireland on Monday for their World Cup did the trick and, in the next match against Scotland, Lynagh raked in 21 points. quarter-final against Ireland on Sunday. After missing six kicks in the

If he wakes up in his Dublin hotel this morning and decides it is time to get back to work, the quest a kicking session for him at Lansdowne Road today. However, there is talk he might not want to have a few "sight-ers" until as late as Saturday. Bob Dwyer, the Australian coach, entered the debate on the

controversial high tackle-cum-punch by Finlay Calder, the Scottish flanker, on Jim Staples, the Ireland full back, last

despite their record win over Wales. "We're not running the ball well in the first phase," he said. "But we will, even though I'm not sure when." The Irish have returned to their Dublin country home base after their away-from-it-all

break in Kerry and are likely to announce their team today. Ralph Keyes, the stand-off? half and leading points scorer in the World Cup, is under treat-

Welsh pull through

minutes allowed Wales Under- Jenkins levelled the scores with 21s to hold on to a ten-match a penalty goal early in the unbeaten run when they beat second half before Ireland re-21s to hold on to a ten-match Ireland Under-21s, 22-15, at Rodney Parade, Newport last

Luc Evans opened the scoring for Wales with a try, converted by Jenkins, after ten minutes.

Midway through the first half, however, the Irish took the lead with a goal and penalty goal woods (2), Penalty N Woods.

stored their lead through Longwell's converted try. A Jenkins penalty and tries

ment for an ankle injury, bur-

hopes to be fit for the match

Scotland team to play in the

quarter-final against Western Samoa even though Keenan, the

Western Samoan who was sent

off for punching an Argentinian, was barred from playing.

"Maybe the sending-off was."

necessary, but it did not seem a big deal to me," Dwyer said. "The referee was the only one

who could judge that, though I

thought it was pretty tough to suspend one player for the most

important game of his life and

make an innocuous statement

union. It seemed nonsensical."

about leaving the treatment of

the other player to his home

Dwyer is still not totally

happy with his team's form.

for Williams and Howley scaled " victory for Wales.

THE ****TIMES SPORTS SERVICE

prising young player from Kings Norton, joined forces with the

more experienced Mike Deeley.

of Matlock, to take the lead on

the first day of the Golf Plus PGA fourball championship at

East Sussex National yesterday.
In spite of high winds and incessant rain they achieved a round of 68, four under par.
Stuart Betteridge and Cyril Jep-

son, from Nottinghamshire, and

a Scottish pair, Brian Dunbar and Alan McCloskey, are a

Edwards, aged 22, led the way

Decley, having missed the

redeemed himself with a chip-in

from 20 feet. The rest of the round belonged to Edwards. The holders, Nigel Burch and

with four of his side's five

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SNOOKER

Hallett finds his feet

MIKE Hallett, who has learned total, Hallett still heads the to his cost this season that money list with almost £90,000 success in invitation tour- following lucrative wins in the naments does not necessarily Regal Scottish Masters and translate into world ranking Humo Belgian Masters. points, took the first step on the road to recovery by reaching the fifth round of the Rothmans grand prix at the Hexagon month, Hallett, aged 32, from Theatre, Reading, yesterday Grimsby, said: "Forget the Theatre, Reading, yesterday (Philip Yates writes).

33, three under par, but there-after, according to Inglis, "it was

They failed to survive twice. At the 10th Burch missed the fairway and Inglis a three-foot putt after a fine bunker shot. At the 14th Inglis missed the

the 14th Inglis missed the fairway and Burch erred on the

green with a third putit.

LEADNG FIRST-ROUND SCORIES: 68: M Dealey (Mariock) and S Edwards (Kings Norton). 69: S Betteridge (Retford) and C Japson (Nottingham City): B Dunber (Easter Motter) and A McCloeley (Airche). 70: D Scholes and M Gray (Stand). 71: N Burch (unattached) and M Inglis (Komtrer): J Fitzpatrick and J Rodger (Cheseington): A Limb (Phoenis) and M Hogsicotters (Hatemarker). 72: K Bowden (Les-ön-fle-Selert). and R Edwards (Portsmouth): L Harrison and A Printered (Rose-on-Weyl: D Regen (West Byllest) and M Purker (Shooters 198): P Harrison and P Poole (unattached): S Sherratt and C Harrison (Scraparit): M Heggie and P Dunn (Hatemass): L Turner (Honsforth) and A Davica (Old Padeswood).

green with a third putt.

more a question of survival".

Hallett, the world No. 8, beat Darren Morgan, the Welsh most barren spells of his career during which he has failed to qualify for the concluding stages of five major events and collected only one ranking point.

Despite the paltry points round.

After beating Morgan, his 5-3

conqueror at the corresponding stage of the Dubai Classic last

finals, that was my most important match this season. I needed to put in a good perforchampion, 5-2 to end one of the mance just to prove to myself? could still do it out there." Steve Davies, the second seed, will face Jim Chambers, who beat the South African, Peter Francisco, 5-0, in the fifth

By STMON WILDE AN ERA that will, it is hoped,

return cricket to its once-high standards of discipline begins in Sharjah today with the first international match played since the game's new code of conduct came into force on October !. Pakistan and West Indies, who meet in the first match of

the Wills Trophy, will not,

however, be under the super-

Cricket Council (ICC) match

referee. At this early stage, ICC

match referees will supervise

of an international

one-day internationals only few opportunities to see the at least allow them to conwhen they are part of a Test code applied in Test matches, of centrate on regaining the World match tour.

When a referee is in ancoor one-day international may be punished by suspension for up be ready to penalise any team failing to deliver 15 overs an hour. Bowlers, meanwhile, will Carr, will be on duty in Pakihave to beware infringing the stan; and Peter Burge, the new regulations on intimida-former Australia batsman, will

bouncer per baisman per over.

which there are only 12 coufirmed for a winter dominated dance, bad behaviour in a Test by the World Cup in Australasia. India play five Tests in Australia, Sri Lanka four in to three matches, or a fine of up Pakistan, and England three in to 75 per cent of a player's New Zealand. Two former Eng-match fee. The referee will also land captains, Mike Smith and

CRICKET

Sharjah trophy begins World Cup build-up

tion, which limit them to one officiate in New Zealand.

Cup they last won in 1979. Today, they will be under a new leader, Richic Richardson, and without four senior players: Richards and Greenidge (both

prepared for the tournament than ever. Between now and the opening World Cup match on February 22 there is a bumperto-bumper convoy of limitedovers events designed to get all the protagonists into shape.

Australia, Sri Lanka four in Pakistan, and England three in omitted), and Haynes and Marshall (unavailable).

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New Zealand. Two former England captains, Mike Smith and Peter May, will referee the Tests in Australia; a third, Donald lanks of the Indian Pakistan Cottor (3 one-days). Bangiadesh, Sai captains, indian Pakistan Cottor (3 one-days). Bangiadesh, Sai captains in Australia; a third, Donald lanks and West Indias; lanks and West Indi

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Penalty by Hagi damages Scots' hopes of qualifying

IN BUCHAREST

SCOTLAND'S unbeaten progress through group two came to a halt here last night when a handling offence by Gordon Durie led to Romania being awarded a penalty kick which was converted, inevitably, by Hagi to give his side two precions European

points.
The arithmetic of the group now offers Romania a chance of reaching the finals, although they must first beat Switzerland in Bucharest next the air. month and then win their final fixture, against Bulgaria. Meanwhile, Scotland must win their final meeting against San Marino in Glassow, and hope that the other permutations work in their Strachan

The chief conundrum for control his captain's subacross the field. The answer, immediately evident, was that McCall would be in close Romanian playmaker was on the line by Lung, able to display his uncanny Such efforts offered Scotable to display his uncanny Such efforts offered Scot-ability to drift into vacant land encouragement during areas and orchestrate menace. He was indisputably the principal threat to the Scots, who were fortunate not to concede

rward, from the Berlin club,

Bergmann Bosnig. Breitkreutz, aged 20, and Beinlich, aged 19,

Bayern Munich had also

Sunderland from Brighton to-

day for £225,000. The former

Rangers forward, aged 30, was

where he was one of Jack

Li Keith Jones, the Brentford

midfield player, was yesterday valued at £175,000 by a transfer

Charlton's squad in Poznan.

third division club.

Ireland international.

Hagi, of course, prompted the incident by nursing a pass from Lacatus until Raducioiu moved into the penalty area. Hagi threaded the ball ahead of the forward, catching McKimmie off balance by the delicacy of the move and when the Scot intervened, he seemed to trip Raducioin. However, the German referee, who was well-placed, waved play on, to the disgust of the

That aside, though, Scotland looked relatively comchampionship qualifying fortable and showed points. themselves capable of rendering Romania vulnerable at the back, where there were clear indications that the home players could be perplexed in

Strachan got himself clear on the right to hoist a cross towards Durie which was well short of its mark, but which Sandoi, with no danger threatening, headed straight back to Had McClair been able to

the Scots last night was how sequent pass, the Romanian Hagi might be contained dur- goal would have been exposed, as it was, when Strachan next intervened, this time to free Boyd on the left edge of the area for a first-time attendance. Nevertheless, the hook-shot which was grasped

the interval, although something more in the nature of

Villa outwit Bayern and

sign up two Germans

however, came with 15 minutes remaining and it began ironically with the Scots' best move of the contest. Strachan freed the tireless Durie on the right; he sent a tantalising cross towards Gallacher, who had replaced Boyd a few minutes earlier. The Coventry City forward met it on the drop but watched in anguish as his looping drive spun beyond the goalkeeper but a fraction past the far post.

Immediately, play swung to the far end, where Lacatus slipped as he went for the ball. There was no foul and the adjacent linesman signalled none but the referee signalled a free kick. When Hagi played it to the back post, Durie, who had dropped back to cover, raised his right hand and made contact with the ball. The referee had no doubt about the penalty kick, which was struck by Hagi low to Goram's left. The goalkeeper read the effort but the force of the kick carried the ball just beyond his outstretched



It takes two to tussle: Galloway, left, of Scotland, duels with danger man, Hagi

Northern Ireland adapt the better to the conditions

Northern Ireland.....

By IAN ROSS ...

the extreme to suggest that the Northern Ireland national team has finally entered a long-overdue period of renaissance, the signs are at least

pure footballing terms, last night's victory over an admit-tedly dispirited Austria at Windsor Park, Belfast, at least ensures that the Irish will finish in third place in group four, a position of some respectability which was inconcrivable six months ago.

The pre-match assertion of football has benefited from Billy Bingham, the Irish manager, that Austria would be content to defend as they sought

It became clear that the Irish would be denied room in midfield in which to construct the sort of moves which had proved Black steered in a Dennison

Austria surprisingly brought when Lainer swept home a clean interval The came had begun in strong

the conditions began to deteriorate further, Northern Ireland's ability to modify their more rudimentary nature had a telling effect, even if certain individuals often declined the opportunity to shoot when handsomely placed.

handsomely placed.

NORTHERN IRELAND: T Wright (New-castle United); C Hell (Sheffield United), N Worthington (Sheffield Wednesdey), M Donaghy (Manchester United), G Taggart (Bemsley), J Magiffon (Oxford United), R Dernison (Wolverhampton Wendesrers), I Dowle (Southampton), C Clarke (Portanottin; stdr. D Wison, Sheffield Wednesday), K Wilson (Chelsea), K Black (Nottinghem Forest).

AUSTRIA: W Kneller (Admira Wacker); L Laher (Castno Satzburg), L Rotter (Si Poltan), J Hartmann (Swarovaki Trol), W Kogler (Sturm Graz), M Zsak (Austra Memphia), A Ogris (Austra Memphia), P Artner (Admira Wecker), C Keglevits (Castno Satzburg), sub: A Herzog, Rapid Vienna), P Stoger (Austria Memphia); eub: C Westerthaler. Swarovaki Trol), H Gegar (Rapid Vienna).

Congress puts Sydney on fast track for 2000

From David Miller IN SYDNEY

IF THE benefit of the competitors was the first consideration, then neither Athens nor Atlanta should have been awarded the centenary Olympic Games of 1996, but Melbourne. Svdney will be an even better bid for 2000.

When the vote is taken in 1993, the 90-odd members of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) will decide between Peking, Brasilia, Berlin, Manchester, Milan and Sydney. All the candidate cities, except Milan, are represented here this week, attending the annual congress of the General Assembly of International Sports Federations (GAISF) and getting the full impact of what must at present be the acknowledged favourite.

It may well be that the IOC executive board will decide during the next year that international federations shall be included in the voting system, and on present evidence that might

well favour the Australians. Gloriously designed by nature, the appeal of Sydney instantly engulfs the visitor. the harbour, the bridge, the Opera House, the thrusting modern city, the beaches including Bondi. The hospitality of four million sports-mad Sydneysiders eliminates any conceivable doubt about local enthusiasm as rapidly as a lager or a Wolf Blass riesling moistens the tongue: even if restaurant last orders are nine o'clock. A couple of dozen IOC members are here acquiring the taste. The Manchester team is swallowing hard and trying to keep smiling.

The Sydney committee, personably led by Rod McGeoch – a lawyer who just happens to have his own vineyard - is hoping that they do not peak too soon, as Toronto did when clear favourites for 1996 at the time of the IOC session in San Juan, Puerto Rico in

"This bid isn't about making money," McGeoch said. "It's about the relationship between sport and the people, between those people and the rest of the world. As far as I've seen the IOC up till now, I do and the fundamentals of their charter." The charter talks about the duty to propagate the Olympic movement. Few do that more than Australians, one of only three nations to be present at every Olympic Games so far.

Supporting the philosophy, Sydney is offering a range of compact facilities that sets the pace for every challenger: ☐ A redevelopment of

Homebush Bay, at the top end of the harbour, where the Parramatta River flows

centre, that will accommodate 18 of the possible 28 sports, and an adjacent vil-lage for 15,000 competitors.

☐ Four-fifths of the sports venues will be completed by the time of the vote in Monte Carlo.

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☐ A hand-in-glove partnership with the Australian Olympic Committee, which shares the same waterfront office building, and with the New South Wales state government, the three parties having a legal contract with the city council.

A federal government-

approved loan of £150 million now for development of

the project.

A New South Wales budget of Aus\$10 million (£4.7) million) for the bid campaign, with an obligation for the committee to find half of that from the private sector.

The Manchester committee will no doubt be passing these figures to John Major when they have their second meeting with the British prime minister next month, testing the colour of his sports allegiance.

Some of the earliest memories of Nick Greiner, the premier of New South Wales, are of his immigrant Hungarian father meeting former colleagues during the Melbourne Games of 1956. Greiner opened the GAISF congress last night, and there is no doubting the mutual benefit between Sydney's bid and the congress, which attracts an attendance of 350.

The harmony between Sydney's committee and John Coates, chairman of the Australian Olympic Committee - who with Phil Coles, the general secretary and an IOC member, has been trying for ten years to bring the Games to Sydney - is a lesson to all bidding campaigns.

"Sydney's strength is that what we say, we mean," McGeoch says, "and what the IOC see now is the real as always, is being on the edge of the map, with only four Oceania votes to rely on: Australia two, New Zealand and Western Samoa one each.

An intriguing possibility that would assist Sydney is the scheduled service by 2000 of airbus transport travelling at supersonic speed which is being projected by Boeing. Television timings for the American market are better than at either Seoul or Barcelona. Sydney is going to be tough

IN BRIEF

Gallacher to assist

Hamlyn, the neuro-surgeon for St Bart's hospital who operated BERNARD Gallacher, the Ry-der Cup captain, will again assist Britain and Ireland's leading women amateur golfers in their ton middleweight, last month, could be incorporated into the regulations of the British Boxing Board of Control, John Morris, mild-up to the Curtis Cup match against America at Hoylake, next June. the secretary of the board, said yesterday after a meeting with Robert Atkins, the minister for sport, in London. The meeting was called at Hamlyn's behest.

racytake, next June.
SCHAD: A Buston (Woodsome Half), L. Demott (Royal Liverpool). F. Edmond (Finten-on-Sea). E Farquitarson (Deskide). J. Foster (Pontandawe). C Half (Fallos). J. Half (Fallos). C Lembert (Shring). Linky. D. McCarthy (Woodshridge). E R. McCald (Skibbersen). J. Moodel. (Windyhill). J. Mortey (She), A Rose (Shring). V Thomas (Penard). L. Welton (Calcot Park). M Wright (Durthres and Co).

Durdies and Co.

If the 1992 Weetabix Women's British Open Championship will be held at Woburn from September 24 to 27.

CRICKET: Sussex have confirmed that Franklyn Stephenson, the West Indian all-tunder has accepted a twoder, has accepted a two-

suxing: Nigel Bean has a change of opponent at Brentwood on October 26. Dario Matteoni, the Argentinian middleweight, is replaced by Lenzi Morgan, of Ohio.

EQUESTRIANISM: Four houses with trouver force have horses with proven form have been exempted from Badminton next spring by the threeday event selection committee: Jacana (Richard Walker), Get Smart (Karen Straker),

Glenburnie and Murphy Himself (Ian Stark).
RUGBY LEAGUE: Peter Fox. former Featherstone Rovers coach, has signed as team manager for Bradford Northern. MOTOR RALLYING: Didier Auriol, of France, driving a United states, sailed through to Lancia Delta, only needs to the quarter-finals of the Omega avoid severe mechanical hitches in today's final eight special tests to win the San Remo rally for the second successive year.

CYCLING: lan Cammish, the
Raleigh professional, will attempt today to break the British

Representatives of both clubs, British consular officials, Ivor Jolly, the Manchester police chief superintendent, and Leslie tribunal. Southend United orig- Walker, a Football Association

SUGGESTIONS made by Peter

on Michael Watson, the Isling-

Morris said Hamlyn's sugges-

tions could make the board's

existing guidelines into regula-

book by next month.

tions and if accepted by the full

The suggestions will be examined by the board's medical panel on Wednesday when all

the doctors from eight regions will attend a special meeting in

Morris said about the meeting

ASTON Villa have signed club is now waiting on advice authorities here on Monday. It Matthias Breitkreutz, a midfield from its bank before going was decided to isolate player, and Stefan Beinlich, a ahead with the move. from its bank before going was decided to isolate ahead with the move.

Manchester supporters behind ☐ Bobby Saxton has been appointed chief scout at Manchester City. He succeeds Ken Barnes, who will continue at Maine Road in a part-time Villa manager, during a reserve at Maine Road in a part-time match for the first division club capacity. Saxton is a former manager of Blackburn Rovers.

- Madrid - Atletico Madrid shown a keen interest in signing have held a full-scale dress Byrne, Republic of sures to contain Manchester United supporters Wednesday during the first leg of their European Cup Winners

York City and Queens Park Cup tie. The measures were put into bought by Brighton from Le practice at the Vicente Calderon Havre 14 months ago for £125,000. He flies straight to Newcastle today from Poland stadium here on Tuesday night when Atlético played Barcelona, losing 1-0 in the first leg of the Spanish Super Cup. Up to 3,000 English support-ers are expected, and the Span-

Cl trary Cooper, the Birtingham City manager and iards are leaving nothing to chance with about 1,500 police will on duty inside and outside the ground.

inally offered £50,000 and the executive, met the Spanish

fences in the north stand and to establish a "no-man's land" of them. Alcohol will be banned around the stadium and metal detectors set up for the English, who will be "herded" by police to and from the Madrid Barajas airport. The authorities are more concerned about the behaviour of fans arriving in

steam. (AFP)

Speculation is growing in Germany that Franz Beckenbauer is about to try to rescue his old club Bayern Munich from its disastrous start to the season. Beckenbauer, presently the technical director with the French champions, Marseilles, is being tipped for a similar post at Bayern who are languishing at the wrong end of the Bundesliga.

Bockenbauer has indicated he

BOXING

Safety measures proposed

By SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

meeting.
"He has accepted the invitation to come and explain his

suggestions to the Board's doc-tors. They will be able to make recommendations to the Board

recommendations to the Board who will then decide to make

likely to concern quick reaction

once a boxer is seriously injured. Morris said: "We were discuss-

ing safety and quick reaction at tournaments when boxers are

Hamivn, who was accompa-

and two neuro-surgeons, said that if he had appeared to some as a champion of boxing he was very happy if he could do

something to make the sport safer. "I have never said boxing

The most important change is

new regulations."

suggestions which will be writ-ten down and placed before the Board's medical committee. problem that needs a lot of

Peter Hamlyn will come to that doctors to help make meeting.

could be made safe, only that it could happen next year when he could be made safer," he said. "I wins the world cruiserweight am concerned with the manage-

is willing to do the job. Also lobbying for the return of the Kaiser" return is Ulrich Honess, him to team up with two other former stars, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge and Paul Breitner. in a management role.

to arrest a worrying slide in fortune was swiftly exposed as little more than wishful

so decisive against the Facroe

Dr Adrian Whiteson, the

senior medical officer of the Boxing Board, said: "Peter's

input has been tremendous. I

hope he will continue to do so. It is hoped that from this we will

get a new format for medical

safety in boxing. We are going to get correct guidelines from cor-

rect experts to be adopted by the

☐ Derek Angol defends his Commonwealth cruiserweight title at the Elephant and Castle

opponent is Dave Russell, of

Australia, a scaled-down heavy-

weight. Angol's manager, Terry Lawless, says: "Derek is a quiet, polite chap and will get a deep

respect when he makes it." That

Boxing Board."

Austre 1: Faerbe istends U, roorden rese u 5: Feerce islends D, Denman't 4: Austria 0; Denman't 3: Northern Ireland 2; Austria 1; Faerce islands 0, Yugoslavia 2: FXTURES: November 13: Denmark v Northern Ireland; Austrie v Yugoslavia.

However, Northern Ireland's football has benefited from a good deal more nationce in recent months, and the reward for some pleasing approach play came in the eighteenth minute. when Dowie rose smartly to head in Black's free kick for his first international goal.

The goal served to puncture the optimism of the Austrians, and a defence which looked ill at ease whenever the ball was dispatched into the penalty area

FOR THE BECORD Park 1, East Fife 2 (sert): Sternhousemair G, Ays United 2; Stremmer 3, Berwork, Rengers 1, FA, CUP: Third: qualifying round, replays: Natherfield 0, Gatheshead 2; Lincoln 3, Friedley 2; Tooling and Machem 2; Kingstonien 3; Mesden-head 0, Horsham 1. **FOOTBALL**

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European championship Group two ROMANIA (0) 1 SCOTLAND (0) 0 Hagi 73 (per) 30,000 (in Bucherest)

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Group seven ENGLAND (1) 1 TURKEY Smith 21 S0.996 (at Wembley)

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REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Ameteur Pootball Affairse 2, Cambridge University 1. NEVILLE OVERDEN COMBINATION: Futneri 1, Partismouth 5; Ipswich 3, Oddor United 1. WENDY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE Brant Lineactain, a jobb ceanger EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group two: Romenia 1, Scotland 3 Group stweer: Polared 2, Republic of Instend 0, England 2, Turkey 0 BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Fourth division: North-amption Town 1, Chesteriald 1.

rearrance v seasones. B AND G SCOTTISH CUP: Second round: Cyddebark 1, Rath Rovers 1 (set; Reith won 43 an pens), Markuse 2, Aubin 1 (set); Morton 2, Klinamock 1 (set); Pertick Thissle 1, Hermson Academica 2 Clusen of Scott 3, String Abon 3 (set, Cuest of South won 54 on pans), Queen's

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and Eton 1. Bromey 2. Winsenboe 1. Herrow 0.
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SQUASH RACKETS NEW YORK: United States Open: Second round: G Waite (Can) bt T Hands (Eng), 15-9, 9-15, 17-15, 15-15, 15-15, 15-15, 15-15, 15-15, 15-17

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FIXTURES

champonship Darak Angol (Camberwell) v Dave Russell (Australia) (Elephant and Castle LC). Light-middleweight: Tyrone Elestmond (Oldham) v Barry Messern (Not-Ingham) (George Lawton Hall, Moestern Tounds)

GOLF: Toyota World Match Play Champ



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YACHTING

Warden Owen remains on course

From BARRY PICKTHALL IN BERMUDA

EDDIE Warden Owen, the lead- Markus Wieser. After forcing the water, they held on to win. ing British match racing skipper, the German to commit a port Chris Dickson, representing Japan, and Peter Isler, of the start of their first match, War-United states, sailed through to den Owen allowed Wieser to Gold Cup match race championship here yesterday with 3-0 victories over unseeded

Warden Owen and his crew of warden Owen and his crew of Owen had built up a tennength ling Marboth Yacht Club will clark and Chris Mason overteams a spirited challenge from bow and take the spinnaker with came a spirited challenge from bow and take the spinnaker with Cermany's former Flying it. After cutting away the spinnaDutchman world champion, ker and dragging the sail out of [US] 3:1 straight-out records for 25 miles Clark and Chris Mason over-(42min 37sec) and 50 miles (1hr came a spirited challenge from 30min 14sec) on a course start- Germany's former Flying it After cutting away the spinna-

break his cover during the second race and only recovered The second world championthe lead when the Germans were ships for the International forced to take another penalty. America's Cup class will be in

In their final match, Warden

Kevin Mahaney, the unseeded American, scored the biggest upset of the day by knocking out Paul Cayard, of

Sydney in January 1993. Dar-Owen had built up a ten-length ling Harbour Yacht Club will

Jarryd: a first-round

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SPORT

England miss chance to boost goal tally as European championship group remains open

Smith's strike proves difference

Turkey. By STUART JONES POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

ALAN Smith, though it was enough to beat Turkey at Wembley last night, may not be sufficient to take England to the finals of the European Championship in Sweden next summer. His header, almost the only bright note in a largely futile display, at least represented two valuable

England increased their lead but missed the chance to enlarge their total of goals, which could be costly. Assum-ing that the Republic of Ireland beat Turkey, they would have to avoid defeat against Poland in Poznan.

Before their opening goal, England had to ride through some alarmingly, rough water. Unbalanced and heading into a stiff wind, they were in danger of being sunk by a nation which has yet to register a goal in group seven.

The start was bright, almost excessively exuberant, and Turkey might immediately have lost their sweeper during the first genuine attack. Gokhan illegitimately, and crudely, halted Lineker's burst towards the area and was cautioned. As England's captain would have been clear, the offence could have been worthy of dismissal.

The threats for the next quarter of an hour, though, were all posed by the Turks. Although they employed a frontline of only Feyyaz, they broke from defence with more speed, accuracy and purpose than was evident in England's

Riza, one of two players returning to the arena where they were beaten 8-0 four years ago, began the worrying sequence with a cross designed for the head of the unguarded Feyyaz. His attempt skimmed off the sodden turf and stretched Woods, who was subsequently disturbed by a distant shot from Tugay.

seemed curiously out of share-Robson, ambling and rambling through the initial stages, filled the deep position which was supposedly refront two.

Waddle, instead of being allowed to roam freely as had been suggested, was restricted to a conventional winger's

work on the right flank. Midfield, as well as leaning heavily in his direction, was an area almost devoid of a queue, for a simple nod from creativity. Any pass of more than a few yards was invari-



Auxious moment: Waddle shoots wide of Hayrettin, the Turkish goalkeeper, as Lineker, the England captain, looks on at Wembley last night

England's formation ably wayward until Batty, neatly midway through the

Significantly, the goal followed within a minute. Dixon, session, turned to his right served for Batty, who was, whose distribution was and, wherever possible, ensurprisingly, prompting the equally inaccurate, did man-couraged his colleague to disage to locate his fellow full play his talent. back and Pearce's cross unveiled the vulnerability of Turkey's goalkeeper.

Hayrettin flapped wildly. and in vain, as it sailed over his reach and on to the head of Smith, standing at the head of close range.

But Turkey, as well as being began in the same fashion.

efficiently organised in defence, showed that they could be forceful in attack as well. On the half hour, for instance, Unal struck a drive from the edge of the area Woods had to brush wide.

The same Turk completed the next move with another crisp shot which again prompted Woods to dive to save. At that stage, the sum of England's attacks amounted to significantly less than their inferior opponents.

Waddle alone represented a way through and Robson. belatedly moving forward, whenever he was in pos-

For some five minutes the ploy was productive. With a series of crosses, he caused confusion amid Turkey's defence and provided opportunities for Platt and Smith, both of which were scomed. The first half drifted to an aimless close and the second

England had lost their sense of urgency and seemed unable to construct positive and incisive

There were only glimpses of hope. Waddle, switching to the left, provided an opening for Lineker but the ball bounced too swiftly for him to take advantage Robson, gaining his 90th cap, almost turned in another cross from Dixon but still there was no sharp finish to England's

Even when they did find the net, some ten minutes from the end when a scrambled effort after a corner had not been cleared, the Spanish referee ruled that a foul had already been committed.

ENGLAND: C Woods (Sheffield Wednesday): L Dixon (Ansens), S Pearce (Nothingham Forest), D Bally (Leeds), D Walker (Nottingham Forest), G Mabbutt (Tottenham Hotspur), B Robert (Manchester United), D Platt (Barr), A Smith (Ansens), G Lineker (Tottenham Hotspur, captain), C Waddle (Manches).

Welsh supporters are arrested

for rowdy behaviour before to succeed Azeglio Vicini as the European championship qualifying match between Wales and Germany, police said yesterday.

Six were arrested in game, while four were arrested in Nuremberg where the saying he wanted to enjoy new match was played. All are being held for causing damage team. and bodily injury in fights with local supporters, police

About 4,000 Welsh supporters travelled to the game, where about 2,000 police were on duty.

☐ Bulgaria beat San Marino 4-0 in Sofia yesterday in a them into third in the group, one point behind Scotland.

a shot which was saved at full

Italy's coach. Sacchi is expected to be in charge of the Italian team for their match against Norway in Genoa on

the Milan club last summer, experiences with a national

The Italian football federation president, Antonio Tuesday that Vicini was removed from his post following the elimination of Italy from the finals of the European championships in Sweden. Matarrese said that European championship Vicini will stay with Italy in group two match. The win put some capacity until the end of contract his

under pressure and when

McGrath hooked out Ziober's

Townsend, free again, was denied by Wandzik for a

corner, which produced the

third goal, Cascarino scoring from close range.

Then the roof fell in. Bonner

could only weakly parry a long

shot by Czachowski to leave

Furtok with a simple tap in,

and Urban got in front of

Bonner to meet Czachowski's

deep cross and set the seal on

an astonishing turnaround.

England drop Richards for quarter-final

From DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN PARIS

AT LEAST France had 72 hours to accustom themselves to the idea of being without Didier Camberabero, their playmaker, for the World Cup quarter-final against England on Saturday. Yesterday Eng-land trainiped that by deciding that they could afford to be without Dean Richards, the Leicester No. 8, at the Parc des Princes.

The relegation to replacements of Richards (who would have equalled John Scott's record 31 appearances at No. 8 had he played) is one of two changes to the side which started the tournament against New Zealand: the other is on the right wing, where Nigel Heslop comes in for Chris Oti. Ironically, the French, too, have dropped their No. 8, Abdelatif Benazzi, in favour of Marc Cecillon, who has not appeared yet in the World Cup but who is deemed to be stronger at ruck and maul: precisely Richards's

Neither Richards nor Oti has been dropped before, although the careers of both, particularly Oti, have been speckled with injuries. Mike Teague, who has played so many games at No. 8 for from blind-side flanker, where Mickey Skinner comes in. The . decision reconstitutes the back row which played so well for England in 1990 (when Richards was absent all season with a shoulder injury) up to the point when Scotland shattered the grand slam dream. Among their notable triumphs was a remarkable 26-7 defeat of France at the Parc des

The knowledge that Skinner, Teague and Peter Winterbottom had played so well in tandem before was undoubtedly a factor in the English management's considerations. "Everyone's been looking at the back-row combinations," Geoff Cooke much rests on this new said yesterday during training combination. at Montmorency. "Dean has been struggling to find his form. We have given him every opportunity and he just hasn't really come up with the

Correspondingly, Teague has played in his usual forceful way and Skinner, acknowledged for his ability to make



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Skinner: big tackler

the big tackles close to the set pieces, comes in for his fif teenth cap.

"If you had suggested a few months ago that Dean should be dropped, I would have said was inconceivable." Cooke said of the man who was named player of the season last May. "He has been the backbone of so much we have done. He hasn't got natural pace and when things happen quickly, maybe that has something to do with it. I have no we get through this one on Saturday, it may be different for the semi-final in

Oti's raw strength, allied to his considerable speed, earned him his place initially in 1988. But his handling has remained suspect and his speed seems to have declined after the knee injury he incurred in 1989. Thus Heslop, a member of the 1991 grand-slam side, recovers his place and must now recover from an inflamed big toe, which prevented him training yesterday. Should-it force him out, Simon Halliday will come in.

Since he left the field in cracked rib, Camberabero's prospects of playing on Saturday, even with a protective corset, had been doubtful. Thierry Lacroix, a goal-kicker like Camberabero, comes in for his seventh cap but, given the limited experience of Fabien Galthie at scrum half,

FRANCE S Blanco (cap) Andric T Lacrob. Marocco, P Onderfi lieu, O Roumat. ella, F. Mesnet, P. Saint-Ar leithid, G. Lascubé, P. Mar Champ, J-M. Cadlez, abannes, M. Cadlon, Ri ENGLAND: J Webbt N Healop, W Casting (captain), J Guacott, R Underwoot; C Andrew, R Hit: J Leonard, B Moore, J Probyn, M Stermer, P Addard, W Dooley, P Whitebottom, M Teague, Replacementa: D Pears, S Haliday, C Monte, P Rendal? C Olver, D Richards.

TV figures offer rugby a lesson

By PETER BILLS

ITV viewing figures for the on the first Saturday of the first week of the Rugby World tournament. The France V the opening five games.
A total of 3.75 million saw

officials suspect the figure may ers. have been higher because offices with a television set would inevitably have contained more than a single afternoon. viewer. They say, however, that the lesson for rugby is that so important an opening fixarranged for a midweek after-

Cup will show the prime early Romania night game, seen as match of the tournament, an important early test for England v New Zealand at ITV's capacity to lure viewers Twickenham, attracted only in their peak hours slots, the third highest figure among attracted 3.79 million viewers at the 8pm kick-off. The match had probably started the game, although ITV with nearer five million view-The lowest figure was 4.9

million for Australia v Argentina on the first Friday

BBC viewing figures for the Grand Slam decider between England and France last ture should never again be March were just over eight million with 5.75 million being recorded for the Scot-The other figures, to be land-England 1990 Grand released this morning, will Slam match. A total of 25 show that 4.25 million, the million watched the football highest total to date, saw World Cup semi-final be-Scotland's match with Japan tween England and Germany.

Keenan's suspension upheld by tribunal

Rugby World Cup yesterday biggest game Keenan would confirmed the one-match have played in his career and suspension of Mata'afa we regret this has happened." Keenan, the Western Samoan forward, for Saturday's quar- sented their appeal in a Trater-final against Scotland at page document of 16 para-Murrayfield (Peter Bills graphs. They called video writes).

consisted of Sir Ewart Bell, the Keenan joined in chairman of the disputes committee, Albert Agar, of the Samoa manager, accepted that Rugby Football Union, and they had received a fair hear-Dr Malcolm Little, of the Irish ing but expressed disappoint-Rugby Football Union. They ment. The sending off, for decided that the original de-punching was the first in the cision of the disciplinary com- history of the national team. mission, which sat at But Simi promised Keenan

The Western Samoans pre-

evidence which showed soulfling after the Argentinian had thrown punches, before Tate Simi. the Western

Pontypridd on Sunday, was would return for the semifinal, if they won.





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Ireland's lapses dull the sheen

Poland . Republic of Ireland... From Peter Ball

> IRELAND got the draw Jack Charlton said he wanted, but it did not come in the way he desired. Some poor defending in the final quarter of last night's European champioushio group seven match wasted what shaped as one of the finest performances in his five years as Republic of

IN POZNAN, POLAND

Ireland manager. His team had dominated an ambitious Poland side with some sparkling attacking football to lead 3-1 with 15 minutes remaining. From there, they allowed Poland to creep back into the game.

The result means that the group will not be decided until the final round of matches next month, ensuring that England have to come to Poznan with all to play for.

But satisfactory as that outcome is to Charlton, the waste of a display of superb football, which answered all the critics of Ireland's approach to the game, will grieve a manager

Valentini, the San Marino

defender, conceded the first

goal when a long-range shot

been on defensive security. Bonner's long kick to send dence of defensive insecurity That fell apart last night. Yet for the first hour Ireland

were irresistible, the new formation proving a triumph as their five-man midfield covered every inch of Lech Stadium to strike, time and again, at the heart of a naive defence. McGrath, Townsend and Cascarino scored splendid goals, and there could have been more.

All three were outstanding, and Keane, Morris, Sheedy and Irwin all contributed to an excellent team performance. But even in such company Townsend stood out. Those who believe the Chelsea cap-tain is now the best midfield player in the country would have found much to substantiate their claims yesterday as

destroyed the Polish midfield. The tactic of a packed midfield did not alter Ire- corner and a narrow offside land's belief in getting the ball decision frustrating Townsend forward quickly and it was as he broke up an attack, raced soon flying high and long free and exchanged passes towards Cascarino, the lone with Keane to round the in 16 months.

forward, who was starting an keeper. That move deminternational for the first time onstrated Ireland's qualities. A sign of the style's effec- until the interval and came tiveness came in the opening back after the restart to snatch

stretch. It was to be repeated, cross, with Bonner stranded, it effectively, later. It took only 11 minutes for was volleyed into the corner Ireland's rampant midfield to by Czachowski. tear Poland apart. McGrath Ireland responded immedbegan the move with an acute intely, Cascarino flicking on pass to Cascarino and then Bonner's long kick for Town-send to leave Wandzik helpmoved forward to glance a free header past Wandzik as less. Five minutes later,

Townsend racing through for came as Ireland failed to clear

he met Sheedy's cross. Before that, Poland had looked equally dangerous, Furtok, Urban and the speedy Ziober suggesting that they were capable of posing serious problems. They might have had a penalty as Keane rashly lunged at Czachowski, who was to make a key contribu-

tion to his side's recovery. But there was little doubting his strong, tireless running Ireland's strength, only a splendid save denying Cascarino as he met Sheedy's

Poland, however, held out whose priority has always minutes as Cascarino met an equaliser. The first evi-

POLAND: J Warndzik (Panelhinakus); D Kubidd (Asion Villa; sub: A Land, Catowica), D Wdowczyk (Celtic), P Cozchowed (Jubin), P Soczynaki (Fenerbahos), J Newrocki (PTB Modeling: sub: D Skrzypozeki, Lech Poznan), R Caresiawicz (Nescy), J Urban (Osasuna), J Furtok (Hamburg), R Kosecki (Galdasarsy), J Ziober (Montpoliar), REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: P Bonner (Celtic); D Irwin (Manchester United), S Stauriton (Asion Villa; sub: T Philan, Windledon), D O'Leany (Asiona), K Moren (Blackburn Rovers), A Townsand (Chelses), P McGrant (Eston Villa), C Mortis (Celtic), R Kaene (Notingham Forset), A Cascerino (Celtic), K Sheedy (Everton).

Bulgaria gain consolation victory

BULGARIA, with no chance bounced into the net in the ter-final place by beating Frydek Both teams continued of qualifying for the European championship finals, romped to a 4-0 win over San Marino in Sofia in a group two qualifying match yesterday. The Bulgarians might have scored more but, faced with a nine-man San Marino defence, laboured at times in Czechoslovakia defeated Albania 2-1 yesterday in their

twentieth minute. A San Ma- Spain 2-1 last week, giving to struggle in a slow-paced rino player handled the ball in them an uncatchable lead of second half before Zmijani the area 17 minutes later and 14 points in the group. Stoichkov converted the penalty. Yankov made it 3-0 kia's first goal in the 36th right-hand corner of before half-time and Iliev minute, following a pass from Miklosko's net for Albania's volleyed home from 12 yards Danek after Jurasko's free- goal Milori, of Albania, was in the 85th minute.

Strakosha, the Albanian goal- persistent foul play. keeper. group one qualifying match.

kick Kula's volley flew past sent off a minute later for

Czechoslovakia now lie in Lancz added a second goal second place in the table, with Neither of the teams had a in the fortieth minute after a ten points from seven chance of qualifying because clever move down the left matches. Spain are third, Icefrom Penev hit his foot and France had clinched the quar- wing, which also involved land fourth and Albania last.

drove a spectacular 62nd-Kula scored Czechoslova- minute shot into the upper

fair and justified.

AN APPEALS tribunal of the were aware that this was the

The tribunal, sitting at London's East India Club,

Sir Ewart said: "The player concerned was guilty of a serious breach of law 26. We